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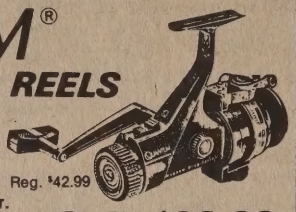

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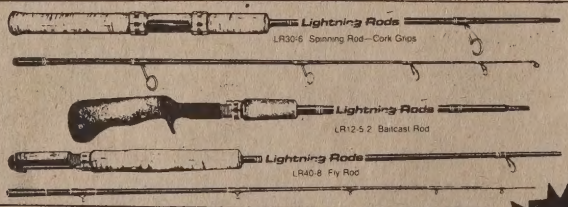

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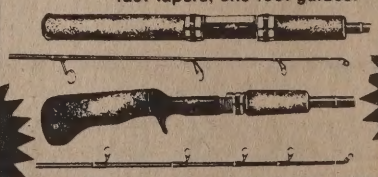

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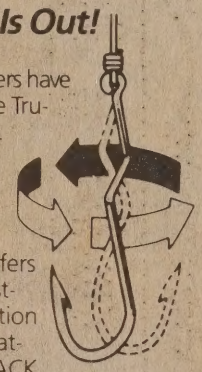

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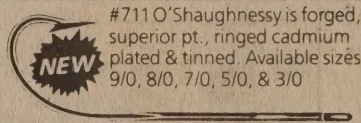

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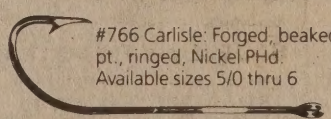

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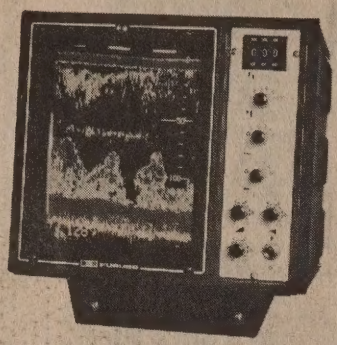

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Radio Station WICC will conduct their third annual Bluefish Contest on August 24 and 25. Once again, thousands of fishermen of all ages will crowd Long Island Sound for two days of sun, fun and $25,000 in cash prizes.

WICC Radio will award $10,000 to the registered entrant who catches the heaviest blue—and $1,000 each to 15 other contestants who catch the next 15 heaviest blues. And that's not all!

Five specially tagged bluefish will be waiting for the anglers to hook into them. Each blue will worth one of these exciting prizes: a 1985 Cadillac; 1985 Fisherman Sportscraft boat with Loadrite trailer; a 1985 Jeep Cherokee; $ 1,000 fishing gear spending spree; or a dream fishing trip for two to the Florida Keys complete with free travel, lodging and charter boat. The fishing trip is donated by Coors Beer.

Last year six fishermen shared $15,000 in prize money. The top prize of $10,000 was won by Oscar Navarrete of Stamford for catching the largest blue by weight. The next five heaviest blues all worth $1,000 each were caught by Lee Andre of Norwalk, Rick Carroll of Norwalk, Frank Bizzoco of Yonkers, Kevin Koriz of Northport and Glen Dennis of Ridge, New York.

Last year, as in the years before, the tagged million dollar bluefish eluded fishermen who tried their betw to hook the swimming fortune. After interviewing a number of tournament contestants, WICC Radio decided to change the contest by dropping the million dollar blue in favor of adding more prizes to give more people chances to win.

Not only will it be easier to win this year but it will be easier to register for the contest as well. Applications will be available in more than 100 locations in Connecticut and Long Island. Also, fishermen will be able to register in person at the following locations: in Connecticut, Captain's Cove Seaport in Bridgeport; Massey's Bait and Tackle in Branford; Sono Seafood in Norwalk; Rudy's Boat Livery in Greenwich. In New York, fishermen can register in person at Sutler's Bait and Tackle in Port Jefferson; O.K. Bait and Tackle in Kings Park; Camp Site Sport Shop in Huntington Station; Mattituck Fishing Station in Mattituck, and Duffy's Bait and Tackle in Glen Cove.

This year's registration fee is $20 per person which includes the official contest T-shirt and registration card. Once again WICC Radio plans extensive contest coverage from both the Connecticut and Long Island side of the Sound. WICC Radio meteorologist Walt Devanas will give frequent contest weather forecasts. The WICC Radio news department and Morgan Kaolian on board Flight 60 will provide constant contest updates. This year's contest promises to be, "The Greatest Bluefish Contest On Earth."

5TH ANNUAL SEAFOOD FESTIVAL FISHING CONTEST

The Fifth Annual Seafood Festival Fishing Contest will be held during the entire month of August. Avid fishermen will be qualified to win if they catch the largest striped bass and/or the largest fluke in Hempstead Town waters and those in the surrounding environs, certifying their catch at one of the official weight certifying stations located on the water in the Town of Hempstead. Forms for certification are located at these stations. For further information on these stations contact this office or look for the official station sign.

Prizes include awards and trophies, including custom made fishing rods by Shore Isle Marina. The Presentation takes place at the Fifth Annual Seafood Festival during the weekend of September 21 and 22, 1985 at Town Park at Lido Beach.

For any additional information contact the Town of Hempstead Department of Industry and Commerce, sponsors of the Festival at (516) 489-5000/Extension 3437.

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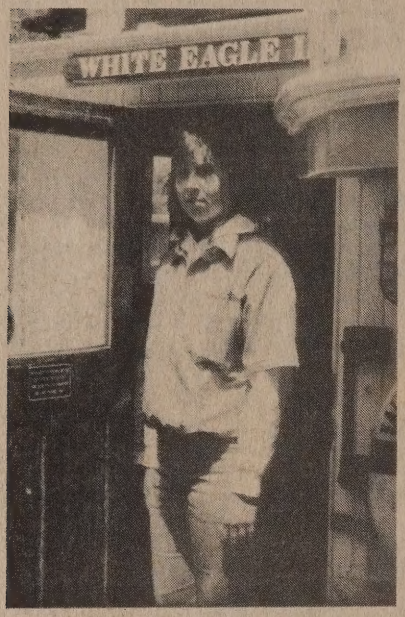

SHEEPSHEAD BAY'S FIRST FEMALE PARTY BOAT CAPTAIN AT AGE 22

The sexual revolution has finally come to Sheepshead Bay. The increasing number of appointments of women as police officers, fire fighters, transit officers, telephone maintenance repair mechanics, has been accepted with little public eye-raising. So it was only a matter of time before a woman would become the captain of a party fishing boat.

That distinction has fallen to Karen Huckemeyer, a comely young lady who comes from a long line of fishing people and is a member of the Huckemeyer family which has operated the Helen H for a number of years.

Her nine-year experience on fishing boats, including four years as Chief Mate, began at the tender age of 13 when her beloved uncle, the late Herman Huckemeyer, owner of the Helen H, initiated her maritime education. As a matter of fact, it was Captain George Thomas of the Helen H who had a special platform built so the little girl beside him could see the ocean from the wheelhouse. Karen proved to be a quick study and learned well. Her apprenticeship continued for two years on other boats. Captain Buddy Negin of the Atomic III is unstinting in his lavish praise of Karen's boat handling ability: "She's got a mind like a sponge, absorbs everything and forgets nothing."

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A warm welcome to Karen Huckemeyer who, we are proud to note, is now at the tender age of 22, a young, beautiful, trustworthy and highly respected captain of a party fishing boat!

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Montauk Marine Basin is proud to announce its first annual Giant Bluefin Tuna Tournament to be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 24 and 25, 1985.

Total cash prizes will be awarded to the sportsmen with the largest giant bluefin tuna, landed at Montauk Marine Basin. The cash purse totals $25,000 with $7,500 taking first prize.

Entries are limited to 55 boats. An entry fee of $500 per boat must be received along with the boat's application.

The captains and crew will kick off this exciting weekend of fishing, With a captains meeting at 7:30PM, Friday, August 23, 1985. It is a tournament regulation that all captains and crews attend this meeting to receive the rules and instructions.

Boats may commence fishing (at the tuna grounds) at 6AM until 3:30PM, with a final weigh-in at 6PM. An Awards ceremony will be presented at Montauk Marine on Sunday, August 26th at 7:30. IGFA fishing rules and ICCAT fishing regulations apply during the tournament.

Remember—enter early as space is limited. Dockage and bait will be available at the prevailing rates. Charter boats can be arranged through Montauk Marine. So come on out and enjoy a wonderful weekend of fishing.

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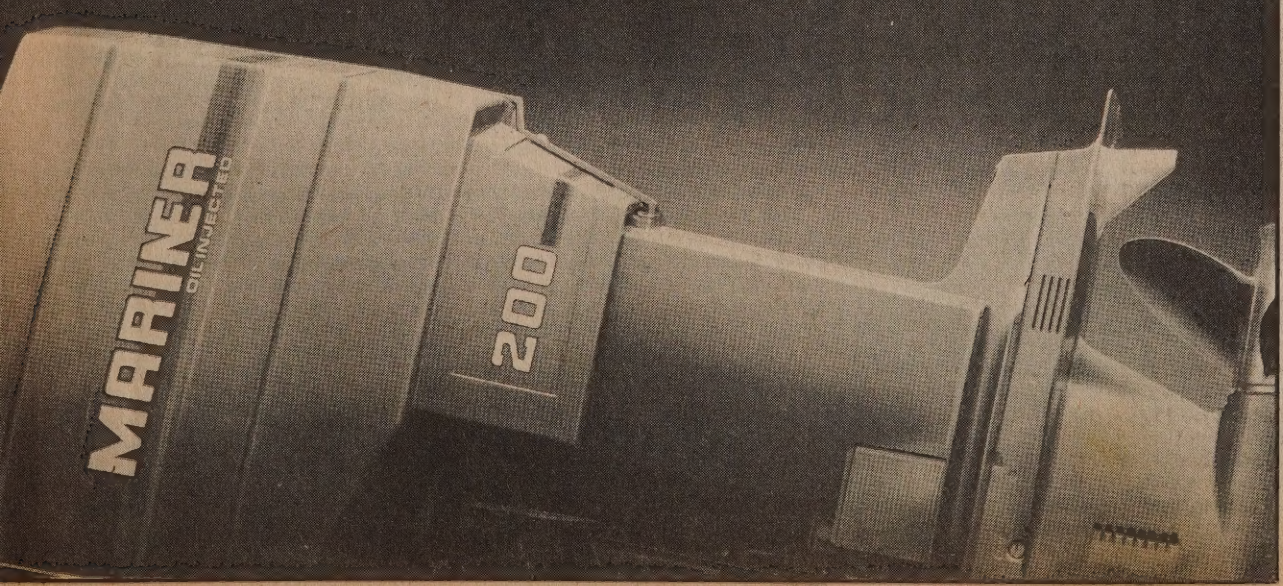

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Dear Cliff,

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Dear Doc,

Recently I began stocking live eels whenever I can buy or catch them. I keep two or three dozen in a floating bait box.

My only problem is feeding my little commodities. Bait stores I talked to recommend using chopped clams, squid or worms. This diet can run up one heck of a bill. My question then, is there some other food I can use and how often do small eels need to be fed? *T.J. Redmond.*

Dear T.J.,

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You can feed eels almost anything that inhabits their normal environment. We've used the frame from cleaned bluefish or fluke; clams, garden worms or night crawlers (which are easy to obtain by back yard digging or after watering the lawn and using a flashlight to find the slippery critters as they come up from their earthen home.

Incidentally, if you do not feed your captives they will eat the slime from other eels in the bait box in order to survive. This does not affect them one bit; eels which have the slime eaten off are just as lively as those which still have a heavy coating.

At any rate, try feeding them fish frames or even dead killies, spearing or crabs. Eels are not too fussy in their feeding habits and when hungry will eat whatever is available.

I feed my supply of eels about once or twice a week. If I am going to kill and rig them I do not give them any food whatsoever since I like rigged eels that are lean and snake-like when fishing for stripers or weakies. Live eels can be thicker since they provide the swimming action, but for rigging you will want the skinniest ones you can find.

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Dear Doc,

I've got a dilly of a problem for you to solve. I took a friend's advice and purchased a pair of medium weight trolling rods to use strictly for wire line bluefishing. They are, claims my friend who has attended a lot of your fishing workshops, the same exact rods you carry on your boat. These two rods were sold by a commercial company of national renown and even though they were reasonably priced, they broke so quickly I hardly had time to get used to them. I'll not mention the company; since you also use the same rods you already know it.

The problem: After minimal usage, both reel seats broke free of the rod blank and now set off at an angle from the rod guides. When I try to use the rods they just bend at an odd angle and place undue strain on me, my reel and the fishing line.

Is there an easy solution? Have you noted the same problem? And, if so, how did you solve it? *Ed Jackson.*

Dear Ed,

Hope the info I passed along at the fishing workshop was more beneficial than my preference in trolling rods. I, too, have had a couple of those trolling rods fail due to the reel seat turning. It is a common occurrence and for many years, even the custom rod builders were plagued by customers' complaints of loose reel seats after only one or two seasons use.

The rods we use for wire line trolling are reasonably inexpensive and rather than go through the hassle of sending them back to the factory for repair (usually costing no money, but a couple of weeks with no rods), we decided to do the repairs ourselves. It is a simple procedure and takes but a few minutes to re-align the reel seat,

drill a small hole through the seat and blank, and to install a pin. Voila! No more slipping of the alignment and the repair is hardly noticeable. I do force some epoxy glue into the hole I've drilled so once the pin is in place it will stay.

Another easy solution, and one that many fishermen do as a common procedure is to use reel clamps to hold the reel in place. Those clamps which come with most mid-size trolling reels must be inserted into the reel "foot" before you fill the spool with line, but once the screws are tightened into position, you need not worry about them working loose.

The remaining portion of the clamp, a half-round plate, is then attached to the bottom part of your reel seat and tightened. This is virtually a sure fire solution to reel seat slippage as we've found after using it for several seasons.

You can ship the rods back to the manufacturer. I've enclosed their address, and they will do the necessary repairs free of charge, but in the meantime, you'll have no rods to fish with.

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Dear Doc,

I have a box full of old leadheads that have lost most of the hair but are still in usable condition. I'd like to refinish them rather than throw them away or go through the expense of buying all new bucktails. Is it hard to re-wrap the bucktail onto an existing leadhead? I know where to buy the bucktail already dyed or in the natural color and I think I can fashion a passable lure by redoing the leadheads with new hair. *Jason Smith.*

Dear Jason,

Bucktails are the least expensive lure you can buy. If you want to redo your old leadheads, that's fine; but if you think it will save you a lot of money you are greatly mistaken. Bucktail is not cheap when you figure how many leadheads you are going to tie as compared to the cost of purchasing brand new leadheads complete with all the trimmings.

Those leadheads which have rusty hooks should be melted down or thrown away. A hook that shows a lot of rust is going to be a lot weaker than a new hook and it could cost you a trophy fish if, and when it decides to give up the ghost. Hooks do have a way of breaking at the most unfortunate time and when using rusty hooks you increase the chance of failure.

We occasionally retie our used bucktails if the leadhead is in good condition and the hook does not show excessive wear. It is not a money saving pastime, for we enjoy making lures and then catching fish on them. However, if we are pressed for time, we just visit a tackle shop and buy new leadheads that are commercially manufactured. Usually they catch more fish and last much longer than do the hand-tied items.

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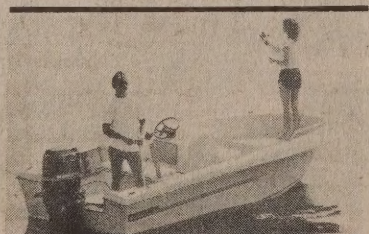

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THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE:

TWO GREAT CRAB AND LINGUINE DISHES

by
Sal Agliano

"They're alive!" my daughter, Linda, shrieked as I dumped a bucketful of freshly caught blue claws into the kitchen sink. I had just arrived home from a successful crabbing venture and was about to clean and prepare my catch for the night's supper.

No sooner did I put several kettles on the stove when Linda, realizing I was about to boil the crabs alive, began hysterically racing through the house screaming, "Murderer! Set them free!" I eventually had to restrain her at the telephone as she threatened to inform the local ASPCA of my intentions.

To add insult to injury, my middle son, Spencer, popped into the kitchen at that precise moment. With his hands clasped behind his back in an Alfred Hitchcock pose, he poked his head into the sink, smirked smugly and remarked, "Is that all you caught?" He then gave me his "big deal" look and strolled into the next room.

My oldest son, Anthony, was the only encouraging voice in the house. "Hey Pops," he asked, jumping into the kitchen every five minutes, "when do we eat?" Yet it never once dawned on him we could have gotten done a lot faster if he had helped. Instead, he propped himself at the dining room table, a linen napkin tucked neatly in his shirt.

In the midst of the commotion, my youngest, Paulie—a mere toddler at the time, was swaying on a kitchen stool, wielding a wooden spoon and dueling to the death with the feistiest blue claw in the sink.

Finally my dear wife, Dolores, bless her heart, came to the rescue. But as soon as she discovered I was planning to fix one of her favorite dishes—crabs and linguine in a thick, rich tomato sauce, she, too, had to put her two cents in: "Put an onion in the sauce... Just a drop of wine...Don't keep the flame too high ..."

In a desperate effort to maintain my sanity, I shouted to raise the roof, "Everybody out of the kitchen!" vowing to commit mayhem on anyone who dared venture back. It's a wonder we ever made it to dinner that night! Such is the confusion that often accompanied the preparation of a crab feast. I'm sure you'll agree that the two recipes which follow, were well worth the aggravation.

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CRAB AND LINGUINE IN TOMATO SAUCE

2 lbs. Linguine
12 crabs, cleaned
2 - 28 oz. cans crushed tomatoes
1 - 6 oz. can tomato paste
4 cloves garlic
1 tbs olive oil
1 small onion (my wife won out on this)
1/2 cup white wine (I won out on this!)
salt & pepper to taste

In a very large kettle, heat garlic in olive oil until lightly browned. Add crushed tomatoes, paste, salt and pepper. Peel onion. (If you prefer pieces of onion in the sauce, mince it finely and add to kettle; if not, leave onion whole and remove when sauce is cooked.) Add cleaned crabs to sauce and simmer over a low flame for two hours. Stir frequently with wooden spoon. Ten minutes before sauce is done, add white wine and stir briefly.

Prepare linguine according to package directions or desired tenderness. Drain linguine and heap on hot platter. Cover with a little sauce and toss lightly. Add more sauce and arrange crabs around platter. Top with grated Parmesan cheese. Serve with a crisp salad and hot, crusty garlic

bread. Some wine on the side won't hurt!

Not all attempts at preparing the day's catch for supper were as hectic. On one similar occasion, I warily approached the front door lugging another haul of freshly caught blue claw crabs. As I entered, the unusual quiet and peacefulness led me to wonder if, indeed, I had wandered into the wrong house. But notes pinned to the family bulletin board quickly dispelled my thoughts and revealed an unexpected, rare phenomena: each member of the family had been engaged elsewhere and would not be home until supper time.

What a stroke of luck! It was as if my lifelong prayers had finally been answered, even it if was only a once-in-a-lifetime situation.

As I set out to clean the crabs and make ready for the night's supper, undisturbed, a gentle summer breeze filtered through the garden and into the kitchen window. The fragrant aroma of fresh, sweet basil suddenly permeated the air. And with it, my creative juices were stimulated. Why not a new and pleasant change of pace for tonight's supper?

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CRAB AND LINGUINE AL PESTO

2 lbs. linguine
12 crabs, cleaned
1/2 cup olive oil
24 fresh basil leaves
6 pieces garlic
2 tbs pignoli (pine nuts. If pine nuts are hard to come by, walnut meat, almonds or pistachio nuts may be substituted)
2 tbs grated Parmesan cheese
2 mint leaves (optional)
salt & pepper to taste

Simmer cleaned crabs in a large kettle of water for half an hour. Add linguine to kettle with crabs and continue to cook according to package directions or desired tenderness. While linguine and crabs are cooking, put olive oil, 20 basil leaves, garlic, pignoli, cheese, and mint leaves into blender and blend briefly on high speed setting.

Drain linguine and crabs. Remove crabs and set aside. Heap linguine on a large, warm platter. Pour mixture from blender over linguine, add salt and pepper and toss lightly. Remove meat from six crabs and toss briefly with linguine. Arrange remaining crabs around pasta. Garnish with remaining four basil leaves.

The above recipes have been toned down from the servings needed to appease my voracious family. Each recipe, however, will amply serve four with plenty left over for seconds.

Today, I still prepare my day's catch for supper from time to time. It's somewhat less hectic as most of my children are grown and out making their own way. They do, however, visit frequently with their own families, but they usually arrive just in time for supper and after all the preparations have been made. It's funny though, I kind of miss the commotion!

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D.J. EXPANSION FUNDS COME DUE IN JANUARY

by William A. Muller

Perhaps a little background information is in order. The Dingel/Johnson Act is a federal law that requires excise taxes from fishing equipment to be returned to the states on a proportioned basis. The amount of money is dependent on a number of factors that aren't within the scope of this article. Last year Congress based a bill expanding the Dingel/Johnson Act to include additional taxed items. The result is more money available to the states. The fund so created is referred to as the Wallop-Breaux Fund. New York, along with other states was scheduled to receive additional monies (roughly $1.5 million).

However, a wrench was thrown into the prospects for more money when President Reagan attempted to impound these funds as part of his efforts to close the budget short-fall. We received information recently that this effort has failed, so that these monies will be coming to the states in January.

What were the reasons for the failure of the President and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)? First, in order for the Administration to successfully impound the funds, the Congress would have to accept language in the budget that would allow for the switch of funds. However, Congress specifically did not include in its budget resolutions any wording of acceptance of the Administration's language. In fact, Congress indicated omission of reference to Wallop-Breaux intentionally and stated that the money should go to the purpose for which it was intended by law.

Second, OMB and the President, as well as many members of Congress received a great deal of mail from constitutuents strongly indicating their displeasure with the Administration's intentions.

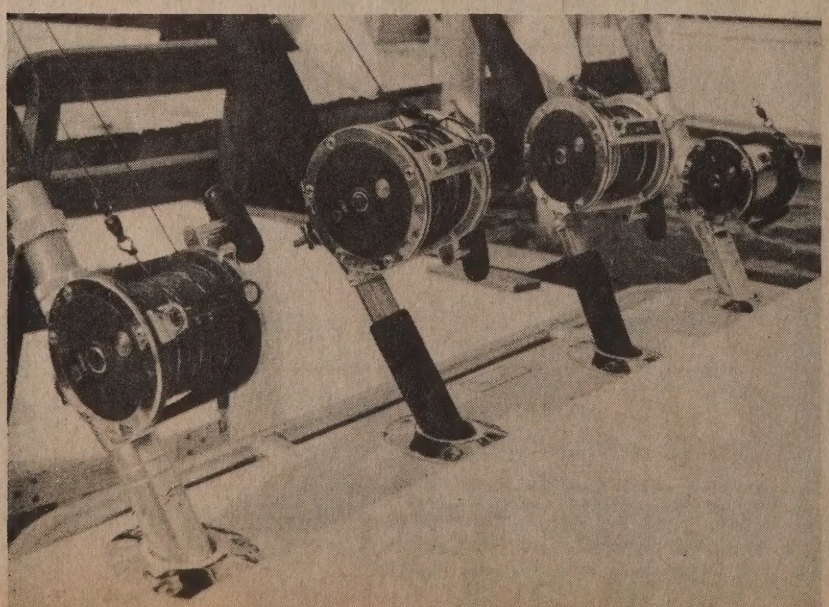
Third, pressure was also exerted from the industry through extensive lobbying efforts and publicity campaigns.

These pressures had their effect, because recently the Administration indicated it would abandon its efforts to impound the funds. One administration source was quoted as being overwhelmed by the pressure and indicated that they had had enough. Quitting seemed the wiser choice. The Administration back-down was told to members attending the state fisheries meeting in June. Senator McClure and Senator Wallop both offered assurances to state representatives that the trust would be made available soon. Senator McClure also cautioned the states to use the money wisely or else continued authorization might be in jeopardy.

How will this affect New York State? According to Mr. Gordon Colvin, Director of Marine Resources, DEC, New York can expect to get about $1.5 million, into the Sport Fishing Recreational Account. What projects will be funded? Mr. Colvin indicated there will be two groups of projects: the A group and the B group. In the A group are the following priority projects to be funded: **1.** striped bass research; **2.** weakfish management; **3.** cooperative fisheries survey of Long Island Sound; **4.** recreational catch and effort survey; **5.** summer flounder (fluke) and winter flounder research) and **6.** enhanced recreational opportunities, such as access, reefs, etc.

The B group items are less directly related to fish species and fishery enhancement, but are nonetheless important: **1.** administrative costs and coordination; **2.** environmental assessment; **3.** Sea Grant economic study; **4.** tidal wetlands management; **5.** tidal wetlands regulations; **6.** research project on bluefish; and **7.** financial support to private sector on reef development.

It appears to be fitting and just that the Wallop-Breaux funds go for the purposes they were intended. Thus, it would seem appropriate to congratulate the millions of recreational fishermen and industry people who took time out from busy schedules to prevent an administrative take-over of funds that we have paid for specific privileges. It is so hard to fund recreation, fisheries management and environmental protection that it would seem user group fees can be the only mechanism for the future. However, although this mechanism may work well, user groups must stand guard and prevent over-eager politicians from picking the ripe apple from the tree.



New York is due to receive an estimated $1.5 million from excise taxes collected on the sale of fishing tackle.

CANYON WRECK SERIES:

THE EDWARD H. COLE

by John Raguso & Ted Bingham

The sage of "Black Sunday" continues this week with the coverage of the schooner Edward H. Cole. This unfortunate wooden bark was jumped by one of a pair of German U-boats the afternoon of June 2, 1918 about 50 miles southeast of New Jersey's Barnegat Inlet whiel she was under way from Norfolk, Virginia to Portland, Maine with a cargo of coal. This four-masted schooner happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time, and joined ten other ships in their untimely demise at the hands of the dreaded "grey wolves" of the German underseas fleet.

The Cole was typical of the small, relatively slow cargo vessels of her time that were involved in coastwise trading traffic. She was a four-masted, three-decked schooner capable of an average speed of three to five knots, depending on wind and sea conditions. The Cole hailed from Boston, Massachusetts and was built at Rockland, Maine in 1904. She was owned by Crowell and Thurlow of the same port of call, who were prominent shipowners at that time. The Cole was 1,791 gross tons, 228 feet in length and 43 feet in beam; so she was a large, slow target, especially weighed down with a cargo of coal, and relatively easy pickings for the sleek U-boat which was capable of 17 knot+ speeds. The fact that she was unarmed made the job that much easier for the crack, well disciplined German submarine crew. Fortunately for her crew of eleven men, the Germans had been instructed by their high command to destroy shipping property and not the lives of the seamen who made up the ship's complement. This was true for the other vessels that were sunk by the two German subs on this date, and the only loss of life occurred as a result of inclement weather and unfavorable sea conditions, as the passengers and crew of each of the vessels which were attacked and sunk were marooned in drifting lifeboats.

According to military strategists at that time, the rationale for this behavior was to destroy and disrupt shipping in the backyard of the Americans who were involved in a European war, and to demoralize the populace while promoting the U.S. Navy as being incapable of stopping the U-boat menace. The Germans elected to spare the crews of the various vessels to elicit sympathy for their cause, but the plan backfired with the deaths of many innocent passengers of the steamship Carolina, when that vessel was sunk and the survivors had to brave a summer storm with gale force winds and high seas more than 60 miles offshore. The net result was to turn the American public squarely against the German cause, and this was manifested by record-setting recruitment statistics for the Armed Forces, especially the Navy branch, where most enlistees requested the hazardous duty of coastal patrol, in the hopes of catching up to and dispensing justice to these hated German U-boats.

Let's go back in time now to investigate the circumstances of how the Cole was attacked and sunk by reviewing the eyewitness accounts of the event. Captain Humphrey G. Newcombe and the ten surviving crew members of the schooner were interviewed two days after the attack at the U.S. Custom House and Barge Office. Although their accounts differed in some of the minor details, such as the exact time and distance of the submarine from their vessel when she was first sighted, they all agreed on the major points. According to these men, the U-boat was about 200 feet long, in excess of 20' in beam and had a freeboard of about five feet. The German raider carried a three inch cannon forward, another of the caliber aft, and a machine gun amidships on the conning tower. They also claimed that the sub had a speed of 17 knots.

Some of the men who provided the eyewitness details had just turned out of their bunks and were heavy with sleep, perhaps explaining some of the discrepancies in their account. Some felt that they were attacked by two different subs, while others felt that only one U-boat was responsible for their sinking. The fact that the undersea craft circled their boat three times before she pulled over the Cole is a possible explanation for this confusion.

According to New York Times coverage of this interview with the Cole's crew, Robert Lathigee, the

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THE EDWARD H. COLE
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: June 2, 1918
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Beam: 43 feet
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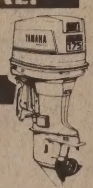

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mate, with 20 years of sailing experience, described the sinking. He went on to say, "...It was just about ten minutes to four in the afternoon and the watch below had been called to be ready to come on deck at eight bells (4PM), when I saw a submarine come to the surface half a mile away on the port bow. There was a light west/northwest wind blowing. The schooner had averaged about three knots in the previous twelve hours. I could distinguish objects for five miles on the horizon.

"We were bound from Norfolk, Virginia to Portland, Maine with a cargo of coal. According to the position at noon, the Edward H. Cole was about 75 miles southeast of Atlantic Highlands at the time. Karl V. Karlson, a Finn, who was steering, asked me why the submarine was moving around our ship at high speed. We both believed it was an American craft with some naval reserve cadets on board, who were trying to have some fun with us sailors of the merchant marine.

"I thought that it would be a good idea to have a little fun with our skipper who had turned in for a nap in his cabin, and I yelled down the skylight, 'Tumble up on deck lively, Cap. There's a big German submarine close astern, getting ready to attack us.' Then I took the marine glasses and looked through them at the stern of the U-boat where her ensign was flapping limply against the short flagstaff. For a moment or two I could not make out her nationality, and then a gust of wind came and blew the ensign straight so that I could see that it was a German flag, and then I shouted in earnest to Captain Newcombe, 'It's no joke this time. By gosh, she is a German Submarine'.

"After making three circles to be certain, apparently, that we did not carry a gun, the U-boat came up on the starboard quarter and a tall, fair-haired officer on deck by the conning tower shouted in good English, 'What ship is this'? I replied that it was an American schooner and thought he could read the name Edward H. Cole on the stern. This did not please the officer, who repeated the question in quiet, businesslike tones, and I told him. The watch on deck began to get a little anxious by this time, as some of the German seamen on the U-boat were swinging the forward gun around in a careless manner.

"The next hail we got as Captain Newcombe joined me on deck was to heave-to and they would send an officer on board. This time the U-boat was 50 yards away, and we saw the tall officer get into a dinghy, with three of his men carrying something in their hands. As the boat got alongside, I had the pilot ladder rigged on the starboard quarter by the gangway and the Germans came on board. The officer, who wore gold shoulder straps and gilt buttons, and was the only one of the crew who was clean-shaven, spoke courteously to Captain Newcombe, and after listening to the

statements as to the name, tonnage, cargo, and ports of departure and destination, he made a brief inspection of the ship. Then he came to where we were standing and said, 'Now captain, get your crew together and tell them that they have ten minutes to leave the ship'. Several of the men were still in their bunks and they were ordered to hurry on deck. Then the crew were ordered into the schooner's boat.

"On previous voyages along the Jersey shore we had sighted scores of patrol boats, but there were none to be seen yesterday afternoon when the German submarine appeared. About 4:10 o'clock we pulled away from the Edward H. Cole and rowed hard with the two oars in the boat to get away from the expected explosion. There was no water or food in the yawl and no compass. The captain brought his sextant and barometer with him.

"We saw the Germans, acting under orders from the officer, take four bombs and attach them, two on each side of the schooner, and light the fuses. Five minutes after they pulled away, the bombs exploded, and the Edward H. Cole started to go down by the bows. As she was settling, the German submarine fired one shell from the bow gun which struck amidships, and in sixteen minutes the schooner disappeared.

"Just then, we saw a cloud of smoke on the horizon astern, and the U-boat went off at full speed in that direction, presumably to attack the steamship if she proved to be unarmed. An hour later we heard five shots fired, and saw a submarine 4½ miles away on the starboard quarter attacking a small steamship, which might have been a tanker. When we lost sight of her, the steamship was settling by the stern, and I have no doubt that she went down. After rowing for another hour toward the shore, we heard nine shots fired, which might have been shells or bombs exploding, but we could only distinguish the location of the vessel by the reports, as the haze was thick on the water. The vessel attacked was evidently armed, because we could hear the shots being returned, and we rowed all the harder, hoping to reach shore and give the news by telephone or telegraph to the Navy yard, so that destroyers could be sent after the U-boat. Just before eight o'clock PM, we sighted the Navy Collier Bristol coming along and her captain had the courage to stop and pick up up, although the regulations, during war, state clearly that ships must not stop to rescue drifting seamen, but continue on their course.

"As we stepped on board the Collier, we heard firing again away on the starboard side, and three minutes later there was more firing on the port quarter, but we could not see anything in the haze. The captain of the Bristol said it was evident from the different quarters the sounds of firing were coming from that there must be two submarines working together off the American coast."

But the crew of the Edward H. Cole were not completely out of harm's way after their rescue by the U.S. Navy vessel. The next day as the Collier was working its way back to port, at 4:30 PM, when about 38 miles southeast of Barnegat Light, the captain of the Bristol spotted the U-boat approaching menacingly from a distance of only 500 yards, but managed to outrun the undersea raider back to New York.

From a fishing perspective, the Cole's position resting in 31 fathoms of water in the southeast edge of the compass rose (Jersey coast, NOAA chart #12300) puts her directly on the Tom's Canyon route for many of New Jersey's southerly inlets. It certainly warrants a shot either on the way out or coming home from an offshore excursion. Besides the anticipated menu of pelagic tuna, marlin and sharks one can expect to frequent the shadows of the Cole, you might have a good chance at summer cod and pollock fishing as well.

Next week we're going to cover the last of our canyon wrecks before going into an update/summation of the twenty shipwrecks that we've covered in this initial series. Week #20 will bring us the story of another victim of the U-boats' "Black Sunday" massacre: the wreck of the schooner Isabel B. Wiley.

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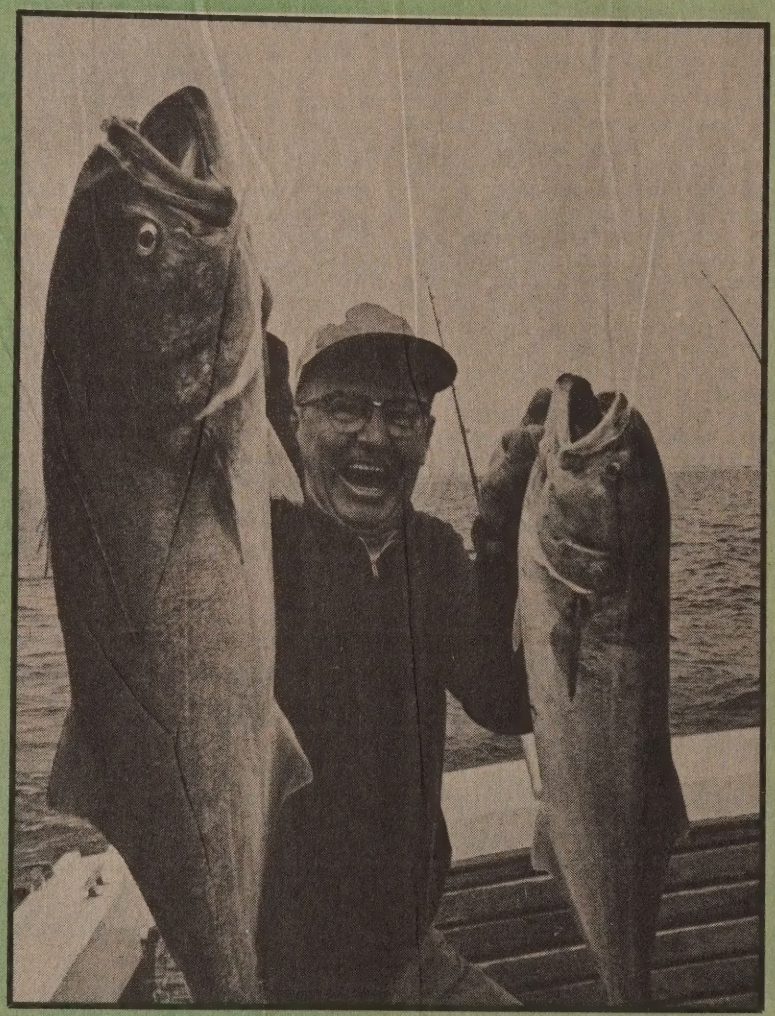
BAITING BLUES AT AMBROSE

by Terry Maltese



This popular New York Harbor spot produces its share of large blues from late summer through fall.

Ambrose Tower certainly isn't one of those secret spots that only a few fishermen know about and it certainly isn't one of those spots that only a few fishermen can find. It is located about 7 miles southeast of the Breezy Pt. Jetty and on a clear day that horse-shaped tower can be seen from quite a few miles away.

Big bluefish show up here around midsummer and stick around well into October. Late August and September usually yields the best fishing, very often with fish in great quantity as well as quality. I have found that the best method for taking these choppers here at the Tower is to anchor up, chum and baitfish. Bunker, butterfish mackerel and large spearing are the most commonly used baits. Fresh bait is best and freshly frozen bait is second best.

If you still have some mackerel from the spring run now is a good time to use them. A 10 pound box of butterfish can usually be purchased at a local tackle shop for about $10. You should have no problem snagging your own bunker in an hour or two one evening before your trip. My boat is docked in Sheepshead Bay and the area is literally loaded with bunker every evening and morning.

Preparing and hooking the baits is quite simple. All baits should be hooked only once and the point and barb should always be exposed. The bunker, mackerel and large butterfish should be cut into chunks 1 to 2 inches wide and should be hooked through the dorsal side. Whole small butterfish should also be hooked through the dorsal side somewhere between center and tail. Spearing should be hooked once through the eyes. The backs of bunker and mackerel also produce fish and are sometimes worth trying.

Rigging for this type of fishing is also simple. Purchase some 6/0 Sproat or Beak hooks on 5 inch wire leaders. Siwash hooks in similar sizes also work well. Then tie your line directly to the swivel that is on the end of the wire leader. Usually no sinker will be necessary, but occasionally a light rubber core sinker will be needed, and on rare occasions a heavy rubber core sinker will be needed. If you plan on doing some of your fishing with spearing you may want to bring along some smaller hooks for these baits. Those short shank tuna hooks used for bonito and albacore are good, but be sure they have wire leaders of at least 5 inches. No matter what hook you are using make sure it is razor sharp.

Some people like to tie a length of heavy monofilament between the end of the line and the wire leaders, but I don't believe that this is necessary. Be sure to bring along plenty of hooks because some will be lost and some fish will be hooked deeply. Rather than wasting time and risking a finger to the sharp teeth and strong jaws of one of these choppers, you are better off cutting the line and trying on a new hook when you deeply hook one of them.

Once you are at the Tower and anchored up, you should start a chum slick. Chumming is important not only in bringing the fish to the boat, but also in keeping them there. You can mix the chum with saltwater and ladle it overboard or you can use the "automatic" method. I prefer the latter method because it is less messy and because I don't have to stop fishing or cutting bait to ladle the chum.

The "automatic" method is done by punching holes in the chum can and placing it in some type of holder. This holder can be a plastic bucket with a lid and holes in it or a strong mesh sack. Then lower the holder until it is right below the surface and tie the rope to a bow cleat. It's a good idea to sweeten the chum slick every so often by tossing the heads, tails and a few chunks of baitfish overboard. Don't decide to save a few bucks and skip the chum. One can of frozen ground bunker can make an incredible difference in a day of bluefishing at the Tower.

Once you are at anchor, rigged up, and have a chum slick started, it becomes time to start fishing. Simply

hook your bait, as discussed earlier, put the reel in free spool and allow the bait to drift back into the chum slick. If the current isn't strong enough to do this you will have to pull one foot lengths of line off the reel with your fingers. When the line gets taut, pull off another one foot length.

Don't fish all the rods at the same depth or with the same bait. Try to vary the bait and depth from rod to rod until the fish show a preference. If you decide to put your rod in a holder while you cut bait, straighten out the cockpit, gaff a fish, or whatever, put the clicker on and put the reel in free spool. This will prevent the rod from being pulled out of the holder and the clicker will let you know when a fish has picked up your bait.

Knowing exactly when to set the hook is an art that will improve with experience, but something you will never be perfect at. If a fish hits hard and takes off right away, you can usually set the hook immediately. If the fish plays with the bait you must wait until you feel he has taken the bait and hook into his mouth. As a very general rule of thumb, the larger the bait the longer you will have to wait before setting the hook.

Tackle for this type of fishing doesn't have to be anything elaborate. A medium action 6 to 7 foot boat rod with a good conventional reel such as the Daiwa Sealine 50H or Penn Jigmaster is ideal. The reel should be filled with good quality 30 lb. test monofilament. If you are fishing from a private boat you may want to bring along a light baitcasting or spinning outfit as well.

One piece of equipment you don't want to forget is a gaff. The majority of the fish you will catch here, especially in late summer and fall, will be large and should be gaffed rather than swung in. After breaking the only on board gaff during one trip last year, I now try to have two gaffs on board.

When traveling out to Ambrose Tower you must realize that although you're not exactly in the Hudson Canyon, you're not in Jamaica Bay either and you must exercise some caution. I've done most of my fishing here in my own 18 footer, but it's a heavy seaworthy boat equipped with a very dependable 115 hp outboard. Most of the boats you will see around the Tower will be a bit bigger than my 18 footer, but on a calm day you will usually see a few 17 to 19 foot boats out there and there is nothing wrong with this providing they watch the weather and exercise some caution.

No matter what size boat you do your fishing from, you shouldn't be out here without a dependable VHF. Don't be afraid to change your plans if the weather looks unsteady. You must have a respect for the ocean as well as some knowledge of it. Show some respect and turn around or stay closer to home when the weather looks a bit unsteady. You can always count on another date with these Ambrose slammers.

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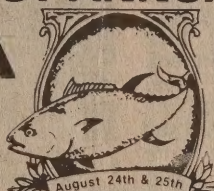

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SHY SUMMER WEAKS

by Carl Buxbaum

Beaches in close proximity to deep water provide the best shot for summer weaks.

The surf was pretty slow for a couple of weeks, as often happens in August, and I fell into one of those escalating cycles of grumpiness. Out of pity for my family, it seems (it couldn't have been for my company), Jim Restivo and Pat Muoio invited me along on a fluke expedition. Jim piloted the "De La Felicita" to a favorite spot, with determined efficiency. He backed off the throttle as we drew near, and Pat flipped on the graph recorder in search of that special sand bar. "Will ya' look at that!" she shrieked, wagging a finger at the recorder. We just passed over a hole where the bottom dropped precipitously from 20 to over 40 feet. A thick school of apparently husky fish, certainly not fluke, was printed near the hole's floor. The gear on board was set up for fairly shallow fluking, completely inadequate for the task before us. So, after half an hour's frustration, it was back to the game plan and we put a satisfying dent in the fluke stocks.

But the holed up fish were bugging me. I couldn't wait to get off the boat. Even when a fluke was on, my eyes kept drifting toward the beach, then back to the hole—like range finders. How great was the distance? Five, maybe 6, long casts? It was an accessible beach that I'd worked before and done all right, too—probably because of that hole. I never knew it was there. Pat and Jim had no idea of what was going on behind my solemn, uncommunicative face. They should've been sorry to have me aboard, putting a damper on the joy of some hot fluke action. Eventually emerging from the trance, and trying to explain the workings with my thick, barnacle encrusted skull, they looked at me as if I were nuts. Guess I am, a little—maybe only pigheaded.

I remained distracted as the day slipped by. Before realizing it, the fillet knife had been put aside, and my share of the fluke was dispatched. After a rushed dinner and hurried drive, I located carefully memorized beach landmarks, and stepped into the wash facing a bit downtide of the hole; just as the lower edge of the sun settled on the western horizon. The rod was whipped forward with determination, to see how close a 1¼ ounce Hopkins could fly to the hole. A heart stopping strike came on the fifth or sixth cast, followed by an impressive battle through a long, downtide run. The cycle of grumpiness over, I stood admiring the pale, electric lavender hue of an 8 pound weakfish, bathed in the warm pink light of sunset. Knowing the vibrant colors would soon fade to copper, I savored every second of the sight. When ready for another cast, I was surrounded by fishermen. The beach was deserted on my arrival. Sometimes I think they use spotter planes.

While big plugs will frequently take summer run weaks, minnow-shaped swimmers in the 5 to 7 inch range produce their share.

No matter, there were enough fish for everyone—once it got dark. The quiet night was dotted with the "swish, swish" of unspringing surf sticks and flashing neck lights, as plugs were changed and fish unhooked.

Apparently, weaks like the security of deep holes during the day, but as the afternoon sun's intensity diminishes, they head toward the food-rich shallows. At first, it takes tins or heavy bucktails to reach them, way out and near bottom. After dark, though, they're in close to shore, or in the forage filled troughs between outer bars and the beach. Then, they respond well to slow swimming plugs.

If you think about it, weaks aren't nearly as mysterious or shy as they seem. Rather, they behave like freshwater largemouth bass, at least when they're not migrating. They find comfortable niches in holes, channels, and downtide pockets of reefs; where water temperatures suit them, they're secure from the thunderous calamity of boat traffic above, and they can pick away at passing morsels of food. But they are predators and that doesn't satisfy them. They instinctively gorge themselves when opportunities are best. In waning light they have a sight advantage over forage fish and will corral and slaughter them against the shore. By nightfall, the boat traffic has diminished, and those still afloat slow their engines. Bathers are indoors, smearing themselves with Noxema. So, the weaks claim the shallows nearest their day-

time haunts as private hunting preserves—so long as adequate supplies of forage persist. If the forage gets a bit too scarce, they'll move to better hunting grounds—near similarly comfortable daytime retreats.

To find shy summer weaks, then, it pays to examine nautical charts in search of holes, reefs, and channels—where the bottom drops to depths between 40 and 60 feet. Mark the ones closest to shore, and then try to find them by studying the beach. Having access to a depth recorder equipped boat really helps pinpoint such locales. In the absence of that, estimation followed by persistent trial and error eventually does the trick.

Not every spot located in this fashion will be consistently, or even occasionally, productive. Unlike largemouth bass, weakfish love moving water: the faster, the better. Hence, the big ones are called "tiderunners." Good bottom structure isn't enough. It must be near tidal rips within reach of shorebound casters. That's why jetties, inlet areas and deep channels that run like rivers are favored by most sharpies.

The sharpies tend to be a tight-lipped lot. So, don't count on any leaks from them to help pinpoint which probable, good areas are presently producing. Also, because action usually slows by mid-August, few surf rats keep at it. Instead, most store energy and prepare tackle in anticipation of the fall migration. For example, weaks can generally be picked on night tides under the Montauk light all summer long. But the fishin's hard and the pickin's slim; a fish or two mostly. Hardly anyone's on the rocks.

It's better to watch the fishing reports, and identify those, equally secretive, veteran inshore charter skippers who nearly always do well with weaks. They never say where, but they do report catches to attract clients. Lately, everybody's into offshore charters by August and the reports are dominated by shark and tuna catches. So, you really have to ferret out the information. Think of captains who did well in early July, many are still taking weakfish—believe it. Where are they finding fish? In one or more of those holes near shore, during the day or at dawn and dusk. All you need do is find the beach nearest the hotspots, at night. If you get desperate enough for info, try a charter with one of these heavy hitters. Take mental notes of productive spots, marking prominent landmarks on shore. Pay attention to your directional angle from the landmarks; because locations are deceptive looking shoreward, to casters usually facing the other way. Get it right, and it may put you into a week or more of solid surf action, so long as the weather remains steady. You might even get a bonus striper.

My favorite bird dog (weakfish hound sounds more accurate) is Captain Johnny DeMaio. Though I've learned most about surf fishing from other casters who write for The Fisherman, he taught me about weakfish. From shore, I can identify the silhouette of "The Vivienne" as well as any U-boat captain ever recognized a target through a periscope. And I track him. If the binoculars reveal bent rods, or he persists through a tide in the same area, I'll be on the closest beach after dark. He has no idea of how many fish he's sniffed out for me. Get to know who's who at your most convenient harbor, and find a weakfish hound.

At this time of year weaks seem to develop an eclectic appetite. It's hard to say which lures and tackle are best. Generally, I match mine to the fishing situation at hand. Where long casts are required, because I can't wade deep enough to reach productive water, darters, needlefish and bottle plugs are hurled with big sticks. The hefty plugs seem to work particularly well when snappers show up. For the time being, I've given up trying to figure out why weaks love the needlefish. At first, the resemblance to big sand eels seemed to explain it. But sand eels the size of 1½ ounce needlefish plugs usually don't show on the beaches before October. That plug gets gobbled anyway.

Not many weaks are lost on big plugs and some casters like them for that extra security. Though the mouths of these fish tear easily, they're often beached with trebles, especially the tail ones, plastered all over their heads. On close examination, an angler frequently finds that the hooks taken in the mouth have torn free, or would have in the absence of the secondary anchor.

Where conditions permit, you'll probably do better and have more fun with minnow type plugs, on lighter tackle. Start with those about 5 inches long, but don't be afraid to go up to 7, if the smaller versions failed.

Heavy tackle or light, don't go home fishless without first trying lead heads, slowly bobbled along the bottom. Eelworms, Whiptails, Alou Eels and bucktails dressed with pork rind or soft plastic tails will all do in weaks, at one time or another. Except where the bottom is uncluttered and sandy, most casters seem to avoid these lethal offerings because of their tendency to foul or snag in weeds or rocks. But they're also avoiding fish. The dressed bucktail may well be the best way to turn wary, shy weaks into ruthless savages.

Is there a better way to turn on a tiderunner? You bet! As a caster dedicated to artificials, I hate to admit it—but nothing can compete with a live snapper. Too many times, I watched a guy next to me plant a treble just forward of the dorsal fin and flip a writhing snapper into the tide. Too many times, I saw him let a fish run and swallow before driving the hook home. Too many times, I admired weaks over 10 pounds on the beach. Too many times, my stringer was clean. Maybe, too long, I've stuck with artificials.

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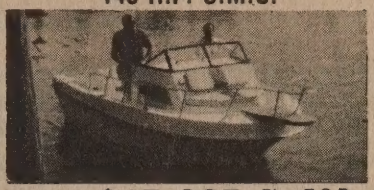

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IT AIN'T EASY

by Matt Ahern

Our resident sinker bouncer tells how to achieve that coveted title of "Master Angler."

I got a phone call the other evening. Nothing unusual about that. But this one posed a problem. The caller asked if it would be okay if he bent my ear a little: there was some information he needed pertaining to fishing. Go right ahead, I said. If I could help out I'd do so. This caller, let's call him Bill, asked what it took to become a crackerjack fisherman—master fisherman, he called them, to use my term for these superb anglers.

Now, I could write a book about these fellows, and I guess if all my articles on these anglers were put into book length, it would put a lot of minds to rest. But that's the easy way out and is neither here nor there. I told Bill it would be better if I enclosed my thoughts on the matter in a letter. Which I did.

And this is what I wrote.

"Master Fishermen" is the title I've given those anglers who put fish in the bucket with little difficulty. From years of observation I believe I'm justified in saying these excellent fishermen are far from common. But then if they were, where would be that much-desired distinction? Bill, I'll tell you right now, to attain that desired niche, I know only one thing: it isn't easy.

What makes these guys tick? I wish I knew—in fact, I wish they knew. When I question these fishermen, they seem to take for granted that their outstanding skills aren't outstanding at all. I don't think, though, that this belief of theirs comes from any sense of false modesty. Most can't understand what the fuss is all about. According to them, there's nothing to it.

But I don't buy that.

I'll tell you, Bill, from my own experiences I've noticed time and time again that no angler achieves that master fisherman status without much effort on his or her part. Granted, some seem born to the sport and seemingly, they can do no wrong. But most fine fishermen become expert when they make up their minds that come hell or high water, they're going to excel at their chosen sport.

Take Al Dunn, for instance. Al's a neighbor and fishing buddy of my old friend Artie Leidecker (who, incidentally, is the best codfisherman I know). I recall Al's first trip with Artie and me as if it were yesterday, and as luck would have it, it happened to be a trip for cod. Fortunately, we had some fair action on this particular day, and as it turned out, Al was not only high hook—he also got the largest cod.

I'm sure Al realized at the time he was lucky and I also believe he understood that without Artie's expert guidance, he might not have caught cod at all. Al immediately became gung-ho about the sport, but he didn't rest on his laurels as some might have. No, sir. He threw himself wholeheartedly into the game and steeped himself in as much knowledge as possible. No effort was too much and I remember him saying one day as we discussed our efforts: "It ain't easy, is it?" The result: today Al Dunn is a tough man to beat at the fishing game.

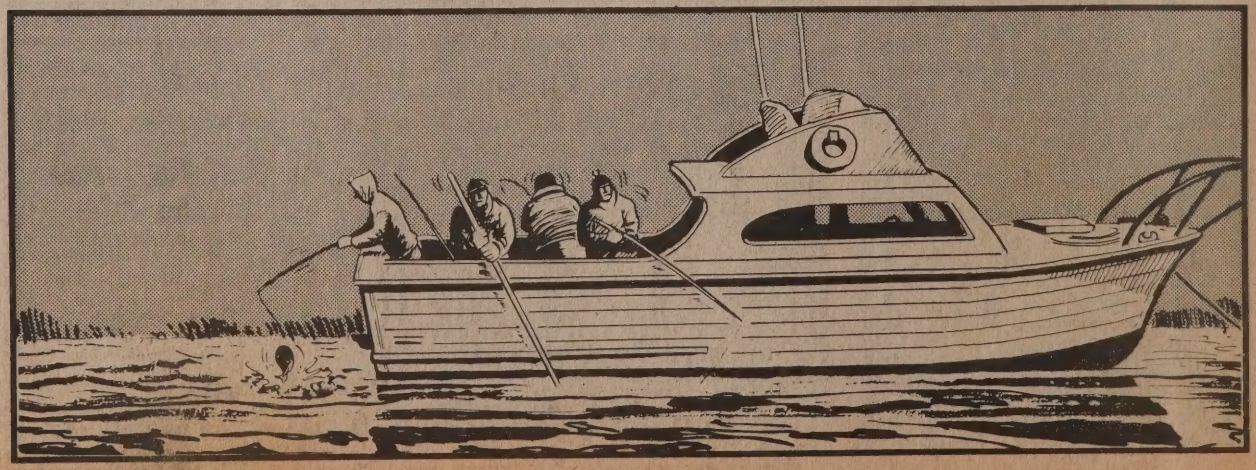
But anyway, Bill, I know this didn't happen overnight, no matter how zealous Al's efforts. I wonder had not Al been so successful the first time out would he have lost interest? Probably not, for I've known fishermen to fail in their first few attempts and who eventually became pretty tough competition on the fishing grounds. But to a man, all these fellows had one thing in common: a heart-felt desire to master their sport, no matter the cost.

That desire to excel is without question the most important requirement needed to become a master fisherman. You've got to want to be that guy so bad, you can taste it. If you have that yearning, you can't miss.

And Bill, not only must you love to fish, you must also love the fish. As Artie Leidecker once told me: "If you have no respect for the fish you catch, if you feel no love between you and them, your sport won't respect you." And that's it in a nutshell! If you doubt this, notice the character who is purposely cruel to the small fish he catches. If that so-called "sportsman" ever attains the status of master fisherman, I promise you, I'll rack my rods.

To become a master fisherman, you cannot be a fair-weather fisherman. You've got to be willing to try it when those dark clouds come rolling in. Else how can you get a comparison? All within reason, of course. No fisherman in his right mind would venture forth in a gale, but neither should you become discouraged by a few raindrops.

Bill, the fellows have got to learn the basics. There's much to learn and it does take time. It's discouraging, I know, to watch others catch fish while you don't even get a show. But any-



thing worth doing is worth doing well. Beginning fishermen won't conquer Everest in one day, but the game is certainly worth the candle.

Every master fisherman I know has at least a nodding acquaintance with the following: how to make up terminal rigs, not only for the fish sought, but also according to the type bottom fished; how to tie those knots needed to make up terminal tackle; how to select proper sinkers and hooks needed to best do the job; how to select proper sinkers and hooks needed to best do the job; how to interpret weather signs (extremely important); how to use marine worms according to water temperature when flounder fishing; how to clean a catch quickly and easily with no waste; how to fillet fluke and flounder (and other fish). And last but not least by any means, the whys, wherefores, and the importance of keeping accurate fishing records. Bill, this is one part of the fishing game I absolutely could not do without. My records are my right arm. They go back nearly 60 years and when I fish places I first fished over half a century ago, they still produce and in almost the same quantities of that so long ago time. And between you and me, my friend, when this happens, they are indeed teary times.

These are the basics, and without them few fishermen go far.

Just two more requirements and I'll bring this letter to a close.

Read everything pertaining to fishing you can find. And then study. And then apply those methods you've learned as they fit the day's fishing. I'll tell you one thing, Bill, as you gain experience, you'll find some things you've been reading leave much to be desired: such as those articles, and so forth, written by armchair fishermen—never are they found in The Fisherman, you may be sure. But eventually, you'll learn to separate the wheat from the chaff and when you do this, you'll realize that at last you are making progress.

And lastly: experiment. This should be the key word in all your endeavors. Never lose sight of the fact that those fishing methods we use were at one time the result of some master fisherman's experiment.

In this respect, I am reminded of my old buddy Artie Reilly of "mackerel galore" fame. Artie came up with a mackerel rig so deadly, it revolutionized mackerel fishing for the sportsman. So well did Artie do his job, some conservation-minded fishermen wanted his rig outlawed! I kid you not. You can bet Artie did plenty of experimenting before he came up with that.

And that's it. These are my thoughts on how to become a master fisherman. I'm well aware there are other methods used to achieve that coveted title, but those I've given you will work. The rest is up to you.

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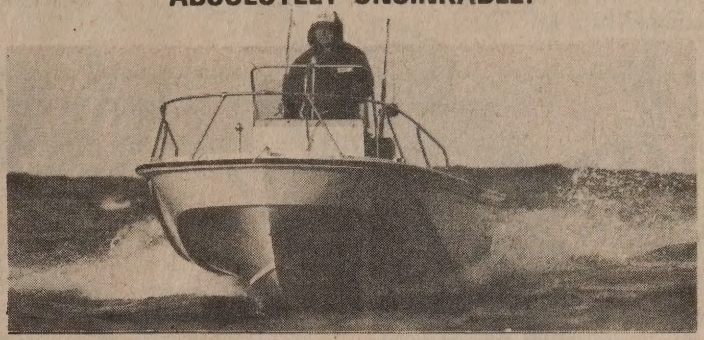

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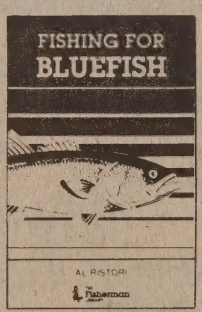

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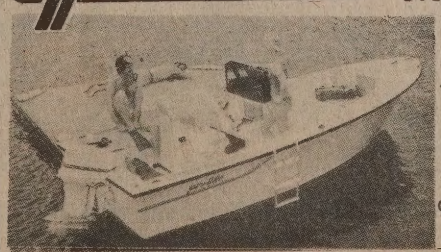

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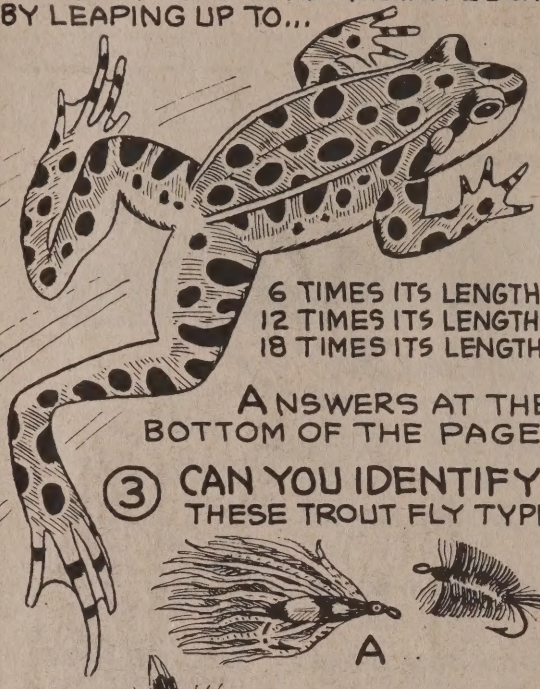

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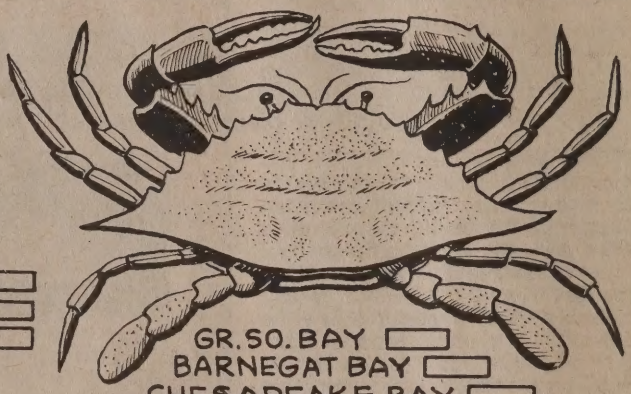

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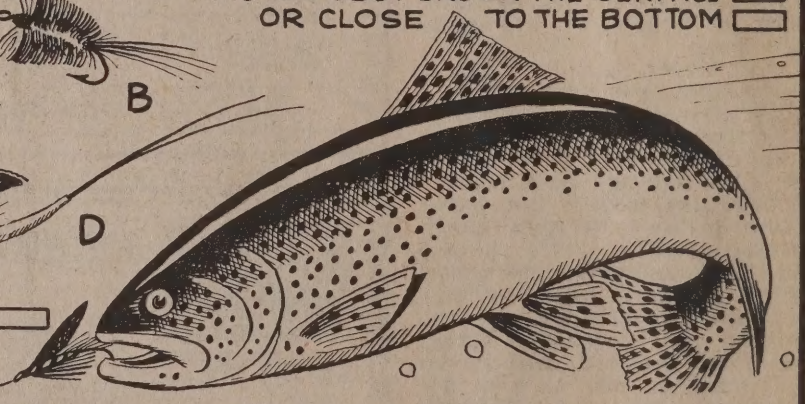

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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PICNICS AND PORGIES

by Gerald Hahn

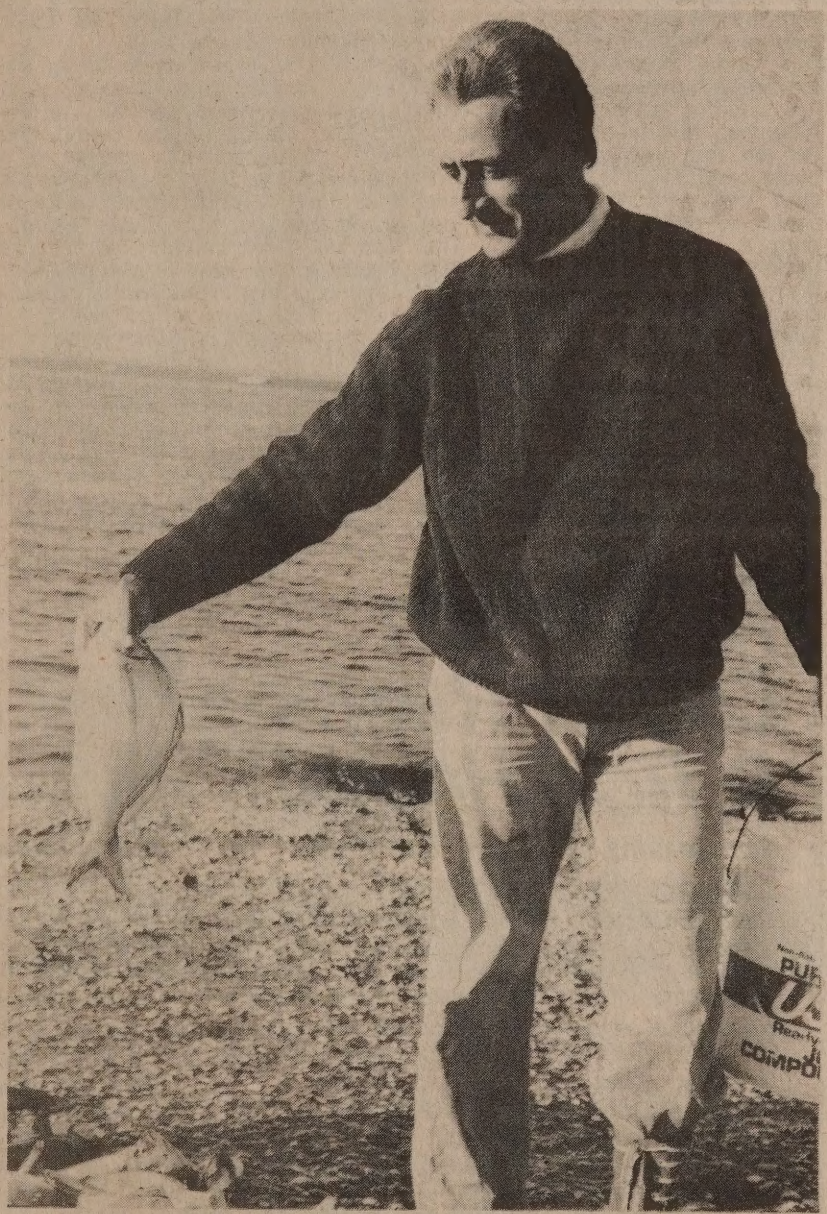
A trio of state parks bordering Long Island Sound provide a pleasant mix of fishing and family fun.

Summertime fishermen are often torn between family obligations and a desire to be alone on the surf. Some anglers try to resolve the problem by fishing exclusively at night for such species as stripers and weaks, and hoping to reserve enough energy for the family the next day. Most of the time, these fishermen come home in the wee hours of the morning with an empty stringer and a load of welts from gnats and mosquitoes. The next day they have as much energy as a sloth to respond to their family needs. Then there's the type who tries to work out a system whereby he will fish one day and spend the next day with the family. Soon there is a run of fish, however, and the schedule changes to "two for me, one for them." With these fishermen, stringers of fish and family squabbles go hand in hand.

Yet it is possible to have both a family outing and some good fishing at the same time. One way, for example, is to try the State Parks, where the family can go for a swim while dad attends to his fishing. A picnic at the end of the day brings everyone together.

On the north shore there are state parks at Sunken Meadow, Wildwood and Orient Point. Most state parks have separate bathing and fishing areas, but the distance between them is not great. For instance, good fishing at Wildwood begins just east of the swimming areas. Moreover, most state parks have a picnic area near cool, shady trees, and some have hiking paths to the edge of prominent bluffs where magnificent views of the Sound unfold. Climaxing a summer day, what can be better than fresh grilled fish fillets and a cooler full of snacks?

One reason why it is possible to have both is the porgy, a vertically compressed fish with the glow of a pearl in pink light. The species, a member of the Sparid family, and related to the mid-Atlantic sheepshead and the tropical pinfish, has not forgotten its warm water origins. Panfish sized porgies are so abundant in warm weather, they are equivalent to freshwater sunfish. Indeed, commercial fishermen claim that porgies follow the sun although this trek may have something to do with silhouetting their prey. Nonetheless, porgies seem more immune to warm water than most species in the temperate zone, and the recipients of this predilection are the surf caster and his family. On Long Island, porgies are most abundant on the north shore.



Late summer and early fall see porgies weighing in excess of a pound replacing the smaller summer run fish.

Summer porgies are generally on the small side, ranging from 1/2 lb. to 3/4 lbs. The fish congregate in large schools, however, so if you catch one, you undoubtedly will catch more. On the Sound, these fish are taken primarily from July to mid-August. Then northwesterly breezes begin to ripple the Sound's mirror-like surface and larger porgies weighing a pound or more join the smaller ones for **their**

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picnic before departing for the Continental Shelf in early October. Thus the shorebound angler and his family can enjoy a porgy picnic during the most pleasant months of the season.

Most porgy fishing at the state parks takes place directly from the Sound's beaches although Sunken Meadow boasts an inlet. For the most part, it's wise to bring along a light 9 foot surf rod and an intermediate sized surf spinning reel spooled with 15 to 20 pound test. The outfit may seem excessive for a mere panfish, but the inshore terrain is cluttered with mussel beds, Jagged rocks and patches of rig snaring weeds. Without this clutter, there would be few porgies within the surf caster's range.

In addition to the tackle, the porgy fisherman who intends to put some fish on the grill should select his hooks carefully. A #2 to #4 beak or claw hook, with sliced barbs on the shank, is perfectly matched to the porgy's small pointy mouth. The hooks should be snelled to 12 inch leaders of 30 pound test. A porgy rig consists of two of these hooks tied in tandem, the end of one snell to the middle of the other. A snap swivel tied to the end of the running line with an improved clinch knot secures the two hooks as well as the sinker, when the larger fish move in, many fishermen switch to a high-low rig. Large porgies have no difficulty chasing a bait that is 15 inches off the bottom. Moreover, the prevailing breezes at this time roughen the water, and harvesting marine vegetables for a cookout may not go well with the family. With a high-low rig, one hook usually remains clear. The rig begins with an end loop for the sinker; then a dropper loop about two inches above secures the bottom hook; and another dropper loop at least a snell's length above the first, secures the top hook. For extra security, some people use a two foot leader of 30 lb. test for this rig. The leader is connected to the running line with a three-way swivel, thereby dispensing with the top dropper loop. The rest of the rig is fashioned as before.

While mom attends to filling the family cooler with goodies, dad should give some attention to the porgies' menu. On the Sound, the most consistent porgy catcher is a sandworm. A slice of skimmer clam is also effective, while a small wedge of squid would rate third. Oddly enough, boat fishermen who ply ocean wrecks and mussel beds in fairly deep water often find that clams and squid outperform seaworms for porgies.

Porgies would probably get an A in Fagin's School for Pickpockets, and consequently, the baits should be small and carefully secured to the hooks. Whether a one inch segment of worm is threaded on the hook or the firm part of a skimmer is twisted and impaled several times, reserve only a morsel for a trailer below the point. Otherwise, the only ones who are going to have a picnic are the porgies.

Porgies are fond of mussel beds, rock cluters and sand patches adjacent to seaweed beds. Sometimes these structures are visible from the beach. But if they are not, then a brief nature hike on the bluffs, such as at Wildwood, can be rewarding in more ways than one. Viewed from above, mussel beds appear as dark stains on the water, and light colored sand bottom is clearly defined between dark colored weeds. In addition, many rocks in the water are completely submerged during the incoming tide, but are easily spotted from a high elevation. Down on the beach, any odd ripple in the water is a sure sign of an obstruction below, and therefore worth investigating.

There are two methods for catching porgies on the north shore. The first is to try a likely spot, such as one of the types mentioned, and fish a dead stick. If ravenous porgies are in the vicinity, they will let you know in short order. Give the spot about 20 minutes before moving on. Also try reeling in the rig occasionally, with long pauses in-between. Another method, which I find more productive, involves drifting the rig. For example, if a three ounce sinker holds bottom, I switch to two ounces. The rig will then drag slowly over the bottom and eventually find the porgies. When the fish are located this way, you can replace the lighter

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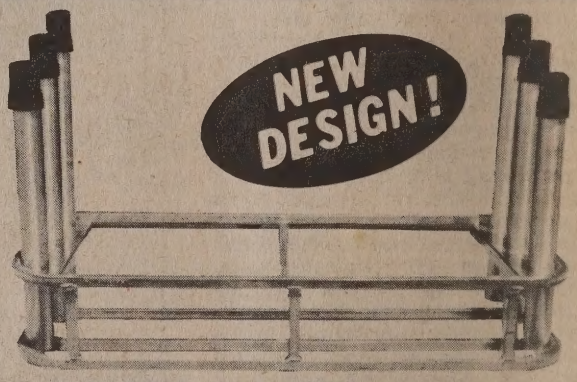

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sinker with the heavier one and cast to the productive spot. Or you can continue drifting the lighter rig.

When porgies are planning a picnic, of their own, they tap on the line several times. If nothing but quiet ensues, the porgies have moved on for someone else's goodies, like blue jays around the family grill. When the taps are followed by a sharp jolt, however, set the hook instantly and start reeling in. Unfortunately, fishing with heavy tackle does not give the porgy an opportunity to display its fine fighting ability. The fish hammers away incessantly, as it darts this way and that. North shore jetty fishermen, with light tackle, often find their rod tips heading for the water.

Porgies are taken primarily around the change of tide. On the beaches, I find the last few hours of the incoming tide best. However, outgoing water can be just as productive from the end of a jetty or a breakwater, since deep water is nearby. Also, although porgies are fond of hot weather, they seem more ravenous in the early hours or late afternoon; so if you're planning a porgy picnic, time the fishing for early morning. Later on in the season, the fish often bite through an entire tide, and their abundance makes for hot action.

Hot fingers, too, when the angler carelessly removes the hook from a porgy. The fish defends itself by raising its sharp dorsal spines quicker than an accomplished barbecue chef wields his skewer. Grab the fish by the head or around the gill covers and then remove the hook. A bucket with ice will keep the fish fresh until it's time for the family cookout.

Porgies are bony fish and a chore to clean, but the effort is certainly worthwhile. Many state parks have picnic areas with built-in grills. All your need is some charcoal, starter fluid and matches. Take off the fisherman's cap and don the chef's cap, for grilled porgy fillets are excellent eating and will take on a barbecued flavor, without losing their juiciness, when prepared in the following manner: first, make sure the coals are heated to an ashen gray. Brush the fillets with butter, perhaps pre-mixed at home with chives, chopped basil leaves, lemon juice, salt and pepper. The herbed butter can be stored in the refrigerator and transferred to the cooler before starting a cookout. After buttering the fillets, coat them lightly with peanut or vegetable oil. The fillets should be kept about 6 inches from the charcoals and basted periodically. Since porgy fillets are small, cooking time is brief, about 3 to 4 minutes on one side and 2 to 3 minutes on the other. Of course, if you prefer the fish whole, you can dress them accordingly and grill them in the same manner. Either way, one taste of this marvelous fish and your family responsibilities will be resolved. This season, have a picnic on the Sound fishing for porgies, and then a porgy picnic with the family.

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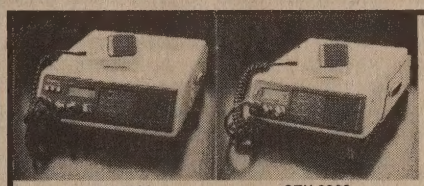

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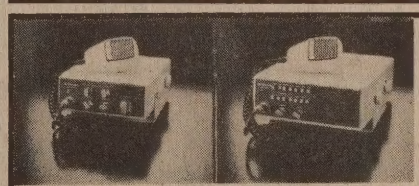

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GARDINER'S REVISITED

by Martin & Janet Garrell

Fluking around this east end island has paled in comparison to past seasons.

As we type these lines in late July of 1985, it's very hard to get into the subject seriously. With party boat catches currently running around 25 to 40 fluke per day, skippers from Sag Harbor to Orient are going prematurely gray. Private boats from the South Fork have given up on the Isand jewel completely and are even being joined at Montauk by compatriots who come all the way from the North Fork as far west as Southold. "I'm not calling it doomsday, you understand," said one of the veterans in mid-July, "but we've got to start doing something soon—real soon!"

The contrast with seasons past at Gardiner's is stark. Look at 1984. From July into early September, it was usually bonanza time at Gardiner's. Day after day the big boats had catches from 100 to 250 fish, sometimes more. Even beginners came away with a half dozen or more genuine keepers over 14 inches per day; moreover commercial fisheries were putting plenty of pressure on the stocks off Bostwick and away from the rips, but it didn't matter. There were plenty of summer flounder to go around.

Because Gardiner's Island and its nearby rips and structure are situated just inside the forks of Long Island, facing the open Atlantic on one hand and just around the corner from Long Island Sound on the other, it's a perfect area for a convention of summer flounder moving west along the Island's north or south shores and those fish moving in from offshore. However, bait is the key to holding the fluke over the summer and it's quite probable that the lack of bait, particularly sand eels, is to blame for the sparse fluking at Gardiner's in certain seasons. True, squid do provide an alternative diet, but when sand eels get backstopped to the west in the Sound or off Montauk to the east, perhaps because of peculiar spring weather and water temperature shifts, you can hardly blame **Paralichthys dentatus** for remaining where a feedbag is readily available. Fortunately for Gardiner's fans, a return to the normally good fishing is still anticipated by the late summer of 1985, say from mid-August on.

In reality, "Gardiner's" represents a jumble of different areas, including shoals, rips and deep water plateaus. Roughly speaking, the Gardiner's quadrilateral runs from Orient Point and Plum Island down through the Gull Islands and then to the South Fork west of Montauk around Accabonack. Included in the zone are such treasure troves as the Ruins, Bostwick and Constellation Rock. Although the three larger rips off the Ruins are easy to read (in fact, you've only to look for the cluster of boats drifting there), some of the choice drifts are listed only as Loran numbers in the little black books of Richie Jensen, Clark Bellows, Artie Lach, and John Rainis. Jensen and Dan Buckley run the **Nancy Ann** and **Nancy Ann II** out of Orient; Bellows and Larry Ciccotto sail the **Prime Time III** from Orient as well; Lach takes the **Wilhelric** out of Sag Harbor, while John Rainis comes from Southold with the **Blue Albatross.** Many charter craft from the North and near South Fork work on Gardiner's, too.

Even when the fishing is good by typical standards of three or four fish per boat per drift, many skippers still move around, searching for faster fishing or for trophy fluke. We were with Rainis last August on a day when the fishing seemed quite good south of Plum Island on the last of the ebb and first of the flood. Suddenly with a toot of the horn, the party boat made a big move clear across the Bay and veterans began to grumble. Without saying a word John tucked tight to the beach near Bostwick, and it was apparent why he'd done so. The fluke were stacked there like a fish market. Virtually every line to the bottom had a strike, and the mates couldn't get to the nets fast enough. Action was nonstop for almost an hour.

Certainly one big reason for the popularity of Gardiner's fluking is accessibility of the fish, if weather is decent and wind isn't bucking tide.

Some area sharpies blame a lack of baitfish for this summer's poor showing of fluke.

Any outfit that handles four ounces of lead will do the job; we've never seen a situation that calls for 10 or 12 ounces of lead boots like Montauk rips do. In fact there were a few days last year when fluke got into the shallows on the south shore of Plum, and it was just like fishing Moriches or Shinnecock. Light tackle fans using an ounce or less of lead and fishing from shallow draft craft were in heaven. Larger boats had some problems because of shoal water and one party boat skipper loaded up on fluke only to find that his drift shaft and prop were so badly banged up that he needed a tow back to Greenport.

Rigs and bait need not be complex. You can clip a sinker to a fish finder or to a fixed clip from a three way swivel. You can also put your sinker on a loop in the line and hang the long snell from another loop 3 to 9 inches above the sinker. As long as the terminal end is sufficiently stiff (20 to 30 pound test leader) and the hook and sinker are separated by at least 2½ feet (3 feet is even better), fluke do not seem to care. Most Gardiner's sharpies prefer to hang their strip baits or ham-and-eggs (strip and spearing, strip and sand eel, or strip and killie) from a simple 3/0 or 4/0 single hook to maximize the action. A spinner in front of the hook is worth a try at times, too. The gap or offset hook, highly touted last season by three time pool winner Jimmy "The Pearl" Castagna of Southold, proved to be a real godsend. Except for advising compatriots to keep hooks sharp, to give all fluke a chance to munch, to gradually take up slack, and to slowly reel into the fish rather than to strike sharply, there isn't much more advice worth giving on hooking these fish. Some days they're aggressive and percentages are fantastic. Other days you'll be mumbling to yourself and sneaking furtive glances at the pros in the stern, trying to figure out how they manage to hook so many.

It's tempting to use light gear at Gardiner's, but one has to be careful. On most days, typical Gardiner's keepers are 14 to 18 inches, just like everywhere else, while pool winners often run more than 20 inches and over four pounds. However, Gardiner's is big water with occasional big fish, and the sudden transition from 13 inch throwbacks to 13 lb. doormats can blow away any angler with any tackle.

The moment of truth with big fluke seems to come near the surface after the fish has been lifted and led toward the boat for a few minutes. Suddenly the doormat decides to dive toward the bottom and it won't matter whether the angler is using light or heavy tackle. Even if the net is only a few precious feet away, that fluke cannot be snubbed. Either the person on the rod allows the big flounder to submarine or the tackle gives—a hook bends or mono twangs and pings. The toughest part is the vision of a doormat, two feet or more of steaks and fillets, finning at the surface just before the elevator button is pushed. Although the temptation to horse the fish is great as the net person sneaks up on the fish with the meshes, keep telling yourself that the fish isn't really exhausted and anticipate the dive.

Weather is critical for Gardiner's. Calm conditions are best for working the deeper rips and a light northwest is next best because you pick up the lee of the North Fork. A big southwest blow makes things uncomfortable, especially on the flood. This is why most small craft fish the area with one ear tuned to weather reports and head for the barn when sea breezes kick up in mid-afternoon. Some sailors who wish to cut their fuel bills in half sally forth early on the ebb, fish the low water period, and scurry back west on the last of the flood. This strategy works best on calm days.

As we said before, hope springs eternal for a late August upsurge at Gardiner's this year. Fluke have to congregate somewhere before moving offshore with the late summer storms. Although the summer has been disappointing so far, we're hoping that the late August-early September period will bring us a doormat with ou name on it. There's hardly a better way to look for that fish than to drift the Gardiner's zone around Labor Day with a big fresh strip bait or a small live snapper. We'll see you there!

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JONES BEACH PIERS GET A FACELIFT

by Tom FitzSimmons

The Long Island State Park Commission gets a well deserved pat on the back for its reconstruction of these popular structures.

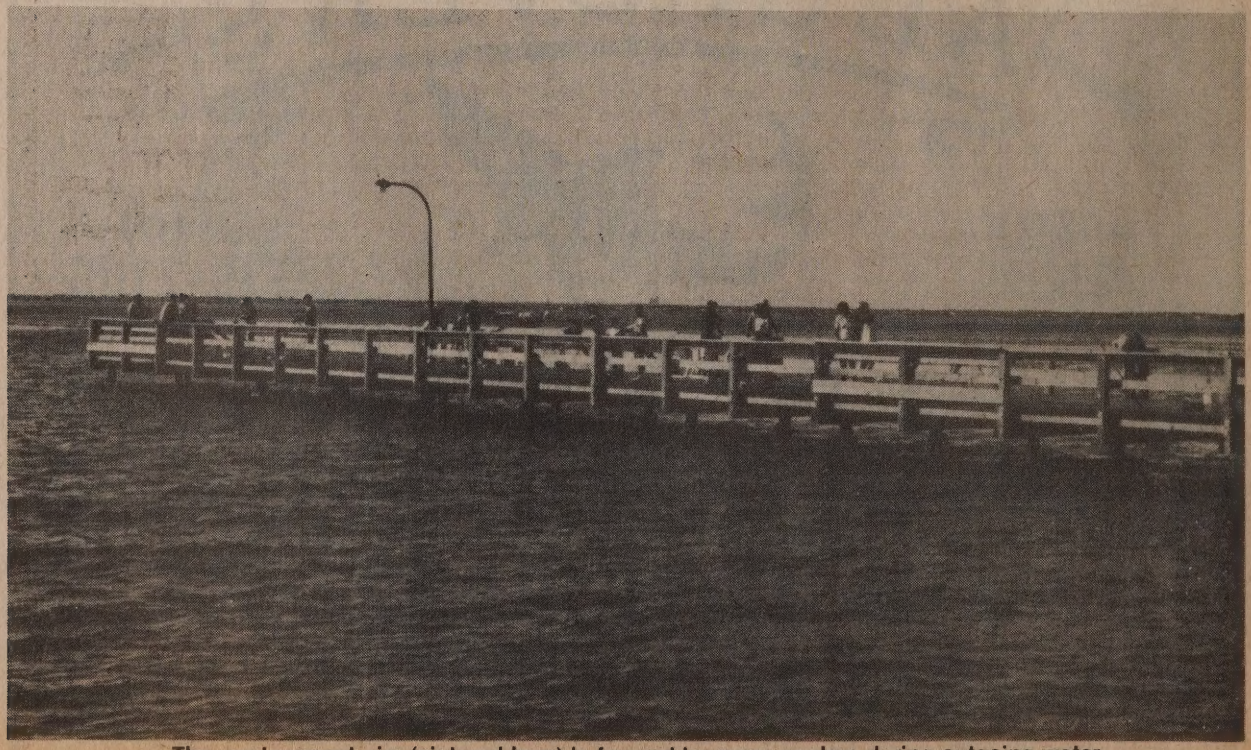
Whether you are a casual or a serious fisherman, the Long Island State Park Commission, under the direction of Mr. John Sheridan, has seen to it to provide a pleasant and relaxing place to spend a day or evening fishing. I am sure most of you are familiar with the location, but if you haven't been there yet this season, the Park Commission has just completed the rebuilding of all four fishing piers at parking field #10 at Jones Beach.

For many years now these fishing piers have afforded all of us a convenient place to spend a day fishing for our particular favorite species or the opportunity to catch a mixed bag of local inshore species, including flounder, fluke, porgies, bluefish, and an occasional weakfish in addition to some fine opportunities for crabbing.

In 1984, despite the plans already under way by the Park Commission to replace all for piers, Mother Nature lent an unexpected hand by destroying the two westerly piers. Although this caused some hardships for the regulars at the piers by leaving them with only two piers to use that summer, the Park Commission came quickly to the rescue by working rapidly to construct the new piers. These new piers were also constructed with an added bonus. Each pier now has two pole-mounted lights to aid in night fishing. This now extends the available time for fishing the piers well into the night hours.

During the daylight hours the piers are well-used by a large cross-section of residents—from retirees to vacationers, those sneaking a day off from a busy work schedule to grab a few hours of relaxation, as well as many younger fishermen eager to get that first big fish. The piers also provide a perfect location for a day's fishing for the entire family and the Park Commission has also provided several amenities to help make the day even more enjoyable. There is a snack bar run by the Jones Beach Catering Corporation, which is open from 10AM to 6PM. It offers the park's usual fare of hot dogs, hamburgers, famous clam chowder, soda, ice cream, beer and other assorted snacks. Attached to the snack bar building are toilets for both men and women, both of which are handicapped equipped. At the eastern end of the parking field is a bait and tackle store with a helpful and pleasant staff and a well-stocked supply of fishing tackle and selection of bait so when the fish are biting you don't have to travel too far to replenish the bait bucket, or replace those lost hooks and sinkers. Just to the south of the bait store is an area set aside for picnickers with tables and barbecues for everyone's enjoyment. With all that the piers have to offer, it makes an excellent place to take the whole family for a day's outing that everyone can enjoy.

While the piers are well-used during the summer season there is



The westernmost pier (pictured here) is favored by many anglers during outgoing water.

still plenty of room for additional fishermen. Each of the four piers reaches out approximately 200 feet into the bay which obviously provides enough room for many fishermen. Although all four piers produce fish, the favorites appear to be the two outer ones or the east and west piers. But whichever one you might choose there is plenty of available space and plenty of fishable and productive water. During August and September the piers usually come alive with an invasion of snappers that adds to the excitement of fishing, especially for the younger generation. At many times the action becomes hot and heavy with big smiles of satisfaction and enjoyment visible on the younger faces, as well as a few older ones.

As the fall season approaches, the possibility of a teen-sized bluefish blitz increases. There have been several occasions in past seasons when big bluefish have invaded the pier area leaving behind broken tackle and stripped reels when they catch the fishermen unaware. For those who come prepared for the possible action with heavier tackle, it provides a day that will be remembered and talked about all winter.

As darkness settles in at the piers the new lights work their magic by attracting a wide variety of bait from spearing, snappers, an occasional school of squid to large schools of bunker working their way down from the Wantagh Bridge and back bay areas toward the inlet on the dropping tide. During these nighttime hours the more determined fisherman arrives in search of a possible trophy size fish. For what is often found following these bait fish are large blues, weakfish and bass. These fishermen set up on the piers using large, heavy rods with live whole bunker and chunks for bait and after placing the bait in a favored location they stand back and wait for that telltale sign of a pickup by what will hopefully be a big fish. Also during these night hours there are a number of fishermen present intent on having a good crab dinner. Setting out several traps baited with chicken or fish heads, their pails are quickly filled with blue claw and calico crabs being kept fresh until they meet their final fate in a large pot of boiling water back on the kitchen stove.

Not to be overlooked, however, are the piers at the other end of the ocean parkway at the Captree Boat Basin. These piers were also half-destroyed by storms, but were quickly rebuilt by the park commission so that when April arrived they were ready for the start of the flounder season. Those piers also offer the fisherman a wide variety of inshore species with amenities equal to those provided at field #10.

All in all, the Long Island State Park Commission deserves a well done and thank you from all of us for providing facilities that afford individuals and families the opportunity to spend a relaxing day of fishing.

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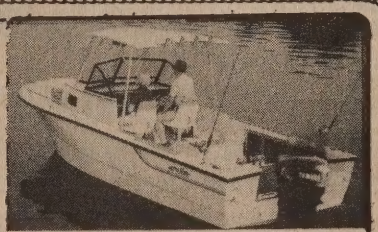

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with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Reports of striped bass catches at Montauk are trickling in, with a huge fish of 75 lbs. caught by Bobby Maier last week. School tuna action continues heavy, with an occasional off day. Offshore, sharking seems to be picking up. Fluke at Shinnecock and Montauk appears to be on the upswing, perhaps signaling the start of the fall migration. Plenty of bluefish around, reports of bonito at Montauk, skipjack tuna moving in in large schools. Snappers getting larger and more ferocious! Porgy catches increasing.

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Marvin Baer of Woodcleft Lake, NJ, found the porgy fishing to his liking last week, making four trips on the **Little Bear**, putting 72, 86, 62 and 88 scup respectively, into his cooler on these trips. Captain Dorzbacher has found a load of porgies southeast of Shagwong Reef. Catches include: Peter Kublak of Jersey City—70 porgies; Domingo Reyes of the Bronx with 84; Neil Nicksen of Willingbough, Nj with 60 fish this past

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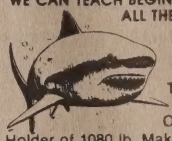

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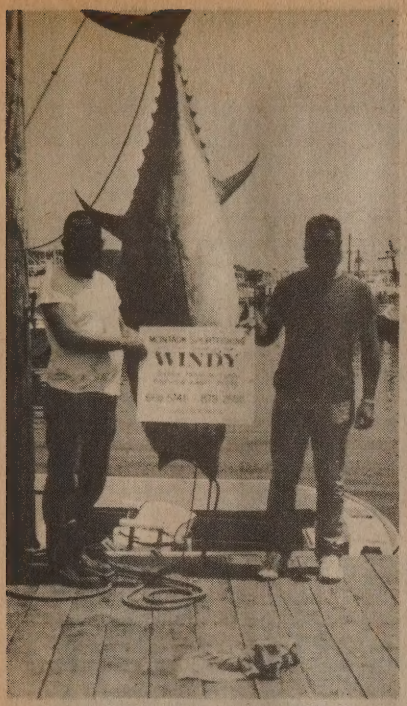

Kurt Wolf caught this 644 lb. giant bluefin S.E. of Block Island aboard Captain Jack Passie's, "Windy."

weekend. On the **Flying Cloud**, also fishing local Montauk waters, Rudy James of Queens caught 82, Gary Thompson of East Orange, NJ 73, Howie McCall of West Babylon, 66 scup. Both Capt. Dusty and Capt. Bird feel the porgy run is in full swing with plenty around to fill the freezer in time for the big Labor Day Porgy Cookout. Many of the fish are in the 2 lb. class with a 3½ lb. porgy weighed in on Sunday.

Harry Rothschild, who usually fishes on the **Marlin V** with his grandchildren, was manning the office phone Sunday. He stated that the fluking continues fairly good, however, poor drifting conditions held down the past week's catches. Pool fluke is generally in the 5-6 lb. range. Steve, a regular on the fluke boat, copped the pool Sunday with a fluke of nearly 7 lbs. Bluefishing on the **Marlin IV** is red hot at night, with a load of blues moving into Cartwright since mid-week. Most of the fish are in the 12 lb. range or better, with the pool taken with an 18 lb. chopper one night. All bluefishing is done on bait, usually herring.

Captain Paul Forsberg reports fantastic fluking over the weekend at Montauk's North Rips, with Jay Sanborn of Melville bagging an 8 lb. fluke, Theresa Frey of Manhassett catching an 8¾ lb. doormat on Sunday afternoon's trip. **Viking** night bluefishing is best described as "tremendous" with arm weary anglers doing a leap job on big blues. Codfish holding up very well at Cox's Ledge, providing winds and tides allow good drifting. On Friday, a

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dozen hangers (fish over 20 lbs.) were displayed at the dock. Tickets are now being sold at the Viking Dock for the first Nomans Land porgy trip, scheduled for September 12th. School tuna trips will start September 9th, with reservations a necessity.

Porgies, fluke and striped bass are the talk of the marina at **Gone Fishing Marina**, according to Maureen Sennefelder. George Tyrell, fishing on the Emily B has been into consistent porgy action fishing the Great Eastern area the past week. Mr. Stremmel, of Huntington, took advantage of a week's vacation to find fluke, reporting best action at Midway, with the best (in size) fluke located there. Lots of bluefish have also come into Midway. Mr. Stremmel fishes on the marina based boat, Barbara II. Tuna, which were red hot early last week, slowed up Saturday morning, however, action did pick up late Saturday and continued into Sunday. Dominic Cracco cashed in on the school tuna action on "Dad's Dream" on Sunday.

Captain Bob Storc on a bass charter with Eric and Don Urbanski during the week, put several stripers, top weight 40 lbs., into the cooler on the **Caprice**.

Lou Rosado of **Edelman's** also reported a slowdown in tuna action on Friday and Saturday possibly attributed to sloppy seas and wind against tide conditions. Friday's trip on the Bullet switched to fluke fishing on the south side. Charlie Faulkner and his friend John caught half a dozen fluke from 5 to 8 lbs. before the tide stopped and thunderstorms called a halt to the trip. Saturday's tuna trip in flat calm seas found very finicky fish which would apparently hit very small trolled lures, and seemed to ignore bait almost completely. Huge schools of skipjacks have moved into the tuna grounds.

Charlie Fuchs, at the **Star Island Yacht Club** pointed out that there are plenty of school tuna in the normal tuna haunts: bluefin, longfin, yellowfin including a couple of Allison tuna to 156 lbs. (Allison tuna have very long second dorsal and anal fins(. Canyon action has remained pretty steady, with a good deal of dolphin under any piece of debris. Dolphin up to 35 lbs. in weight have been brought into the Yacht Club. On Aug. 11, Lee Valarie hooked up with four blue marlin while fishing the Canyon on the Bwanna IV; one of 445 lbs. was landed. Richie Koch just started his vacation putting a 154 lb. mako aboard the Libra II, caught while searching for tuna in the canyon. We should hear more from Rich this month.

Joan, speaking for **Captain's Cove Marina**, described the tuna action as pretty good, except for a late week slowdown. Tuna activity picked up again on Sunday with a mixed bag of yellowfin, bluefin and albacore caught on bait and jigs. Nice size bluefish have moved into the Cartwright area and can be caught day or night. Joe Delamonico and his teenage son Jay, filled the fishbox on the family boat, Capt. Jay with blues on the weekend, many of the choppers reaching 16 to 17 lbs. Porgy action is up and down, with a lot of sea bass on the porgy grounds. Flukers now trying the south side in search of the "big one." A few mako and brown sharks were caught this week; there were reports of some large tiger sharks taken.

On a charter trip on the **Mary A** on Sunday, Aug. 11th, Captain Jim flowers fished the Butterfish Hole where 20 school tuna—albacore, yellowfin and bluefin, to 120 lbs. were caught by the Trupio party of Lindenhurst, NY. Tuna action slacked off a little by mid-week but started picking up by Saturday, when the Kellers caught a couple of bluefin. By Sunday action got much better, with the

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Captain Mike Albronda reported great tuna action early last week on the charter boat **Montauk** with a mini slowdown towards the end of the week; action good again on Sunday. Last Monday, Mr. Dentien and family boated 17 tuna to 90 lbs. using light tackle. The group released 8 fish. On Wednesday, 10 bluefin and yellowfin were caught by Henry Malcion and group. Bob Seria and friends boated 14 school tuna, top weight 70 lbs. On Sunday, Dick Mento and Vernon Clifford returned with 10 yellowfin and bluefin. Captain Albronda reported on the state of bluefishing at Cartwright which is excellent; any method of fishing, bait, trolling, jigs are hitting lots of blue. At least 30 blues were caught returning from the tuna grounds on Sunday.

Captain Bill Ricca has been concentrating on Cox's Ledge cod on charters on the **Alyssa Ann** the past week. On Wednesday, Joe, Ron, Dick and Joey from the NY City Dept. of Sanitation caught 56 cod, top weight 24 lbs. Saturday's trip with Charlies and Bill Pellicane and Vinnie "The Hook" left the cod biting at noon, well satisfied with 68 codfish top weight 31 lbs. Captain Ricca remarked that the average cod is now 10 to 12 lbs., an increase in size during the past few weeks. Very few bluefish are in the cod grounds, although a few sharks were reported sighted.

Captain Mike Bentivegna Jr. of the charter boat **Pronto** was into school tuna on Friday with Fred Kropp, Jim Lovegrove, Charles Bertuglia, Tom O'Connel and Brian Flannagan; the group had a great time with 10 tuna to fight. Friday's trip with Alan Hold and friend found tuna a little slow. However, on Saturday action picked up for Oran Mansky and Bob Doyle with many hookups, four tuna boated. Captain Mike has a few mid-week and weekend dates open and is fishing tuna daily.

A chat with Capt. Scott Weiss last week revealed that quite a few giant and medium size tuna have been put aboard the **Gusto** since the beginning of August, with the largest weighing 655 lbs. caught by Scott Norris. Other fish include Norm Glazer's tuna of 598 lbs. caught on 8-6; Steven Shane's fish of 380, 210 and 165 lbs. caught on 8-5; Norm Glazer's trio of 385, 280 and 165 lbs. on a return trip on 8-10. Captain Weiss has been hooking up nearly everyday, fishing various tuna spots, SE of Block Island.

Arie Vandermullen and his friends from New Canaan, will never have to buy tuna again. The group loaded up with 56 school tuna, top weight 100 lbs. on a three day fishing spree on the **Joy-Sea** early last week. On Thursday Keith Berkelhammer caught half a dozen tuna. While Friday's action was a little slow. On Saturday a group from Junior Cornelles—Fulton Fish Market—fought and boated a 175 lb. bluefin using very light tackle. The fish was fought for two hours! Sunday's trip with Sal Vitallie intended to go bluefishing, however, when the box was filled early, the group topped the day off with school tuna.

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My-Mate** has been doing very well with school tuna to about 100 lbs. in weight. On Sunday, Port Jefferson residents Kevin Stuver, his father and brother had an excellent day with tuna, top weight 90 lbs. Captain McBride reports excellent daytime bluefishing at Cartwright the past week, and asked us to inform you he has a few open dates in September. Check his ad for details.

A trip on the **Fortuna** last Wednesday found very sloppy seas, wind against tide and tuna with lockjaw. However, we did boat two bluefin 40 and 60 lbs. and had hook-ups on 16 lb. test, using live bait. Captain Rich Wight boated the 60 lb. fish in exactly 2½ minutes by the clock fishing California style!

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** reported dynamite tuna fishing the beginning of last week with Sal Del Vecchio and his friends from Portchester, limiting out with yellowfin, bluefin and albacore in the 40-60 lb. class. Tuesday's group with Dr. Norman Roome used light line (20 lb.) and had the pleasure of fighting each fish for as long as an hour. Tuna action slowed at the end of the week, but picked up again on Sunday. Kevin Talt and his group boated 8 tuna and broke off as many again using light tackle. Captain Lewis remarked that a larger school of fish, some to 75 lbs., moved in on Sunday.

Two tiger sharks were caught on the **Cricket II** on a "double header" overnight trip with Ed Murphy from Staten Island. The largest tiger shark weighed 818 lbs. at **Captain Cove Marina** while the second shark was estimated at 600 to 650 lbs. A couple of makos, three small tiger sharks and three brown sharks rounded off the trip. Captain Frank Mundus looks forward to a great September, when the largest makos are usually caught along with large fall blue sharks. Call him to check on available dates.

Captain Wayne King loaded up on **King Wayne** tuna from Monday to Thursday last week, taking only 1 to 2 fish per man and releasing the rest. On Wednesday, a group with Brian Nicoletti returned to dock with 13 tuna while Thursday's group from Mainco Maintenance, arranged by Connie MacNamarra settled for only one fish per man, all they wanted for the freezer. The weekend was spent bluefishing on day and night trips at Cartwright, where blues from 6 to 19 lbs. jumped on hooks baited with herring. Those in quest of larger fish should fish the bottom—smaller fish (and more of them) are closer to the top.

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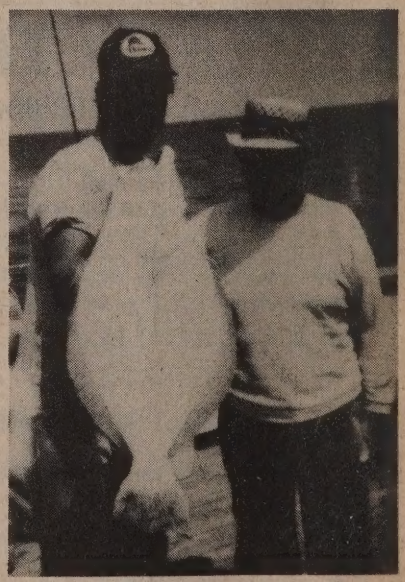
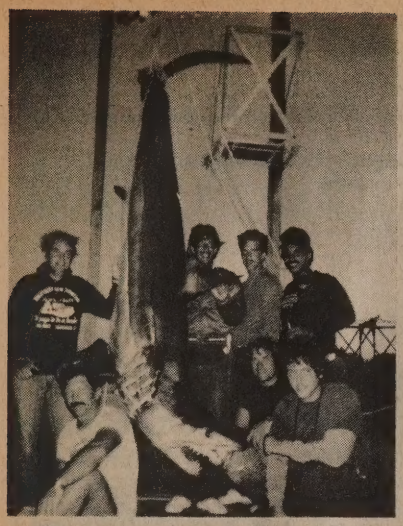
SOUTH FORK

Lots of small (12 inch) bluefish were trolled on red tubes at Cartwright Island over the weekend, according to Dick Mendelman at **Harbor Marina** in **Three Mile Harbor**. Porgies have moved into Cherry Harbor after a late start. Lots of snappers to satisfy everyone at the entrance to Three Mile Harbor and off every dock and jetty.

Last Wednesday's fluke trip on the **Wilhelric II** wound up at Montauk's North Rip, where "gin clear" water was found. Regular, Jackie Gleason and his friends caught 7-10 fluke apiece, with a seven pound fluke taking the pool, a five pound fish was runner-up. On the porgy scene, Captain Artie Lach described the action as very good, with 40 anglers boating over 4,000 scup on Saturday, 12 anglers bagging 1,200 on Sunday. Highlights of Saturday's trip included Jody Hayness of Jersey City with 179 porgies. Cliff James with 135 and Lee Kue of L.I. City with 148. The action was so hot and heavy that first timers caught 75 to 100 fish. On Sunday Pedro Loran, a regular on the boat,



George Castatuta, right, with a real doormat of 12 lbs. taken at Montauk's North Rips aboard the open boat, "Marlin IV." A spearing/squid combo turned the trick.



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put 158 scup in his cooler, Pet Cherowski caught the pool fish, an 8 pound blackfish, among his 133 porgies. Captain Lach said that double and triple headers were the order of the day on a one drop stop!

Captain Lach is planning a special 3-4 day exploratory trip in mid September and is looking for a few good anglers. Call him for particulars.

Sailing with an all female: Sherry Coor, Ruth McLoone, and Sue Woodward aboard Captain Ron's "Goshawk", found shark city last Tuesday. The girls, appropriately called "Ronnie's Angels", successfully fought and released three duskies from 1-200 pounds, a blue shark, and brought a 150 pound mako shark back to **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in **Southampton**. According to Sherry Corr, the angler on the mako, the shark made nine spectacular jumps. Inspired by this trip, the girls accompanied Ron the following day when three dusky sharks in the 80-150 pound range were caught and released and two small makos were boated.

Good fluke catches were reported on Friday and Saturday in shinnecock Bay. On Friday Ron and Sue Woodward with their friend Jim Leeman from Tennesee, returned to **Best Boatworks** with 62 fluke plus a blackfish. The same day Walt and Dennis Stock located 24 fluke. On Saturday John Bouton put 16 good size fluke aboard the "Irish Mist".

Thom Speckenback reported an upswing in fluke catches in Shinnecock Bay by customers at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton**. Schools of bunker have come into the bay, followed by large, to 15 pound, bluefish. Bill Fales fished only a few hours in Noyac Bay, returning with a couple of summer weakfish. Fluke have been reported at Cartwright Shoals (south of Gardiner's Island) by a few boats, with best results at slack tide. Shinnecock Inlet now contains some exotic species and besides trigger fish, small amberjacks and jack crevalles have been caught by anglers. Offshore, sharking has picked up a little. On Sunday, the Dioguardi family of Southampton caught, fought, and released a 15 foot shark, possibly a tiger shark, after a three hour battle.

Larry Mangarillo reported a great fluke weekend with many fluke brought into **Corr's Mariner's Cove** in **Hampton Bays**. Joe Eisenger and his lady friend Dee, caught 30 fluke from 1¾ to 3 pounds on the marina based boat "Later On". Marina boats fishing just outside the inlet on the West Bar, took as many as 50 per trip with very few shorts. Most fish were 2-3½ pounds, best action on the incoming tide. Rental skiffs returned with as few as 7, as many as 43 fluke over the weekend. Success was apparently upon finding algae free water. Flounder sharpie Eric, fished the buoy at the Ponquogue Bridge, catching two dozen flatties. Offshore, many brown sharks and a few blue sharks were fought and released. Some small mako sharks were located.

Captain Ken Malone of the open boat, **Jenny Rose**, located on the Shinnecock Canal, reported that fluke have been very good in the Basket area of Shinnecock Bay. Average catch is 4-6 keepers per angler, with the more experienced fisherman doing better. Sam from Sea Isle brought his "Killer rig" on Thursday and walked away with 12 fluke to 3¾ pounds. Ocean wreck fishing picked up on Saturday with the usual mix of sea bass, blackfish, porgies, ling and

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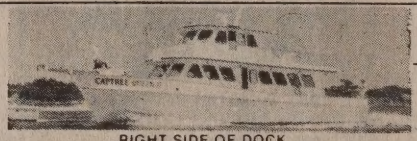

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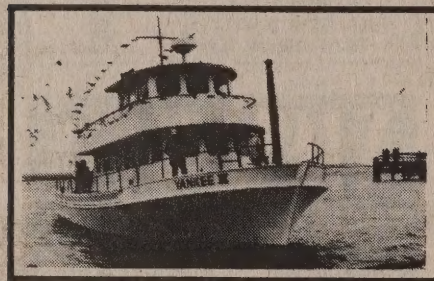

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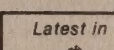

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The charter boat, **Dutch Treat**, has been concentrating on school tuna, fishing the Butterfish Hole, with bluefin tuna in the 40-80 pound range jumping on the baited hooks. Captain Don Van DeWater boated 14 bluefin (lost as many) on Tuesday's trip with Eric Youngblood. Wednesday's trip with Jerry Keating, returned home early, after catching five. On Sunday Richard Ekberg and his father hooked and boated 5 fish, a change of pace for Richard's dad, who normally charters for salmon upstate.

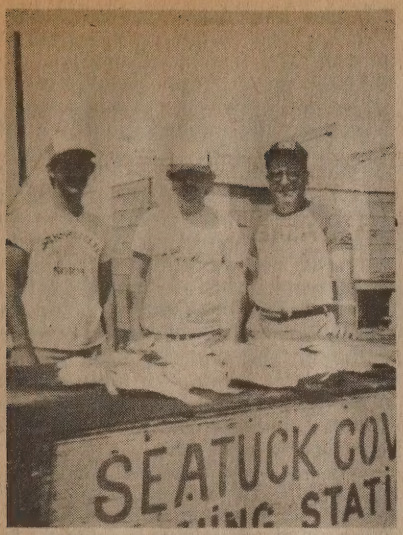
South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

In the Moriches area some very good fluke fishing marked the weekend action with the best scores apparently made at the east and west cuts near the Inlet. Fluking in Fire Island Inlet has become somewhat erratic with the action very tide oriented. Anglers who work the last half of the flood and the beginning of the outgoing continue to rack up some nice scores and there was a showing of some flatties in the 5 to 8 pound range this past week. Live snappers are your best bet for the doormats. Bluefishing has been hot and cold with some tough days mixing in with some very good ones. Snappers are now in full swing with plenty of good sized ones being taken at most docks throughout both bays. Offshore fishing continues to disappoint the majority of blue water hopefuls with good catches the exception rather than the rule. The only consistent action seems to be way to the east at the Middle Ground or the Dip.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Very good fluking on the weekend with 15 to 30 keepers per boat the rule according to Gary Grunseich of **Silly**



Charles Mehes, V. Sherman and Joe Iucci returned to Seatuck Cove Fishing Station in Eastport with 19 keeper fluke taken east of the CG Station.

Lily Fishing Station in **East Moriches.** Best scores were made at the East and West Cuts where 75 percent of the fish are keepers. Biggest flattie of the week went to Doug Kaloski. The 5¼ pounder fell for a live snapper. To show what is possible, Helmuth Rich and Tom Cooney teamed to put away 60 keepers on Sunday. They fished the East and West Cuts with spearing and squid combos. Gary added that boatmen who concentrate their drifts along the channel edges rather than just making long undirected drifts do far better with the flatties. Plenty of nice size snappers throughout the bay now and blue claw crabs being taken in good numbers in the Cove on incoming water.

A reminder that this coming weekend marks the first Moriches Fluke Derby. First prize of $500 will be awarded to the angler taking the largest fluke in Moriches Bay on Saturday or Sunday, August 24th and 25th. The entry deadline has been extended to 8AM on Saturday. Anglers may register in person at any of the following locations: Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station, Silly Lily Fishing Station, Seatuck Cove Fishing Station, L & M Marine, Tadsen's Fishing Station and Hi-Way Fishing Station. For more complete information on the Derby, see page 37.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Speaking from his **J & J Tackle Shop** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello had some additional Moriches Bay fluke reports. He looked over a catch made by four Patchogue Fishing Club members during the week which included 26 keepers to 3 pounds as well as several small blues. George Dietz,

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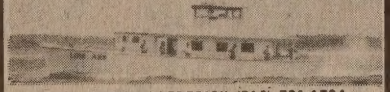

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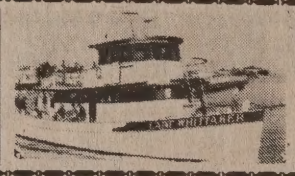

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J.D. May, Mike Scala and Rick Gerraty told Paul that they worked the mouth of Moriches Inlet for their fish. On Sunday, Bruce Froeh stopped by to show a cooler which contained nearly 50 keepers taken in Moriches Inlet. Of the bluefishing, Paul labelled it inconsistent although one customer did stop and show a cooler of 5 to 8 pounders chummed a couple of miles south of Patchogue during the week. He again had reports of a couple of small weaks taken in the bay off of West Sayville. Snapper fishing is good at all the docks right now while crabbing rated a 'pretty good'. As far as offshore news, the only reports reaching the shop told of some tuna action in 140' of water SE of Moriches prior to the weekend.

Over at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Al Colban said that several customers reported doing well with fluke on the morning's incoming tide at the Inlet. Four year old Jamie Reid weighed a 4 pound 2 ounce summer flounder taken from the inlet on Sunday. Jamie and Dad totalled seven fluke for their efforts. Liveliners continue to pick away at weakfish in the 8 to 12 pound range along South Beach near the Lighthouse. Largest of the week was a 13.8 pound tiderunner weighed in by Chip Libertino and taken on a live snapper. Snapper fishing is in good shape at all the docks. Mike Dempsey checked in with 15 snappers taken in the Connetquot near Snapper Inn. Allison Mader counted 25 snappers taken from the Oakdale Beach Club.

Lisa Cioffi of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** reported fluking generally slow but some good catches being made by boatmen working the last part of incoming and first part of outgoing. Locally plenty of snappers and blue claw crabs keeping dock goers busy.

Over at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**, Carl Miller reported some good fluke catches made on the morning flood tide on the weekend. In general he labelled the fluking as fair. Some small porgies along with some king fish being taken behind West Island and good snapper fishing and crabbing continues at local docks. Most of the blues being taken at Fire Island Inlet are falling into the 4 to 5 pound class and are being trolled and jigged in 50 to 80 feet of water. Some small blues were taken inside the inlet on Friday. Offshore, fishing has been in the doldrums although several boatmen who have been tying up to lobster pots and chumming with butterfish and spearing have been enjoying good action with yellowfins and bigeyes at the Canyon. Trollers are having a tough time with it. The only encouraging news from the distant offshore grounds has been some tuna and marlin action in the area of the Dip. Carl knew of a 278 pound bigeye taken there on Friday.

Over at Captree, Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** reported fluking has been inconsistent with some fairly good action mix-

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	12:50	1:30	1:35	2:10	1:30	2:05	2:30	3:00	4:15	4:35	4:20	4:45	12:50	1:25	8/22
FRI.	1:50	2:30	2:35	3:10	2:30	3:05	3:35	4:05	5:20	5:45	5:20	5:45	1:50	2:25	8/23
SAT.	2:50	3:30	3:40	4:20	3:35	4:10	4:45	5:10	6:50	7:15	6:30	6:55	2:55	3:30	8/24
SUN.	4:05	4:40	4:50	5:30	4:45	5:15	5:55	6:15	8:20	8:40	7:40	8:00	4:00	4:35	8/25
MON.	5:15	5:45	6:00	6:35	5:45	6:20	7:00	7:15	9:25	9:45	8:45	9:05	5:05	5:35	8/26
TUES.	6:20	6:40	7:05	7:30	6:55	7:15	7:55	8:10	10:20	10:45	9:45	10:00	6:00	6:30	8/27
WED.	7:10	7:30	8:00	8:20	7:50	8:05	8:45	9:00	11:10	11:30	10:35	10:55	6:55	7:15	8/28
THURS.	7:55	8:10	8:45	9:05	8:35	8:50	9:25	9:45	11:55	—	11:20	11:35	7:40	8:00	8/29

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
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Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
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Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
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South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

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Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
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Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/22	6:15	7:49
FRI. 8/23	6:16	7:48
SAT. 8/24	6:17	7:47
SUN. 8/25	6:18	7:46
MON. 8/26	6:20	7:44
TUE. 8/27	6:21	7:42
WED. 8/28	6:22	7:40

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/22	1:27PM	11:17PM
FRI. 8/23	2:43PM	11:58PM
SAT. 8/24	3:54PM	—
SUN. 8/25	4:58PM	12:47AM
MON. 8/26	5:53PM	1:46AM
TUE. 8/27	6:36PM	2:52AM
WED. 8/28	7:10PM	3:02AM

Moon Phases

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	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	11:00	4:50	11:30	5:15
Fri.	11:55	5:45	—	6:15
Sat.	12:30	6:40	12:50	7:10
Sun.	1:25	7:35	1:45	8:05
Mon.	2:20	8:30	2:40	9:00
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ing with some poor fishing. Last week's morning trips saw catches range from 80 to 200 keepers per trip with high hooks of 6 to 8 and average scores of 2 or 3 per man. The weekend saw better fishing on Saturday than Sunday on the morning's flood tide. Fishing is being done at the inlet area and west of the Bridge. Of the night bluefishing, Gordon said that it too has been erratic with some very good nights mixed with some poor ones. Fishing is being done south of the inlet to east of Patchogue anywhere from 5 to 18 miles off the beach. Fish range anywhere from 2 to 12 pounds.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Rod** spoke of doing a good job on the fluke on Saturday. Sunday's fishing was off a bit. Rod emphasized that the best fishing is on the last of the flood and noted that spearing or sandeels seem to work best inside the bay while killies have the longest life span near the inlet area where crabs are sometimes a problem.

From **Captree Bait Station** Bobby Sprenger told of weighing a couple of nice fluke in recent days. A 5 pounder was taken aboard the **Capt. Leitch** on Sunday while Nick Aliberti scored with a 6¾ pound fluke aboard the **Jib VII** on Friday. Excellent snapper fishing out on the Fisherman's Walk this weekend along with an occa-

sional fluke. The Robert Moses Fishing Piers still seeing some flounder with an occasional fluke. A reminder that the snapper derby sponsored by the State Park Commission and Captree Bait and Tackle will be held on the weekend of September 7th and 8th. Registration will be the days of the contest at the Bait Shop.

Tom Healy at **Augies Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon** reported the most impressive fluke of the weekend from this area. Judy Meier of Bay Shore fishing aboard Peter Rising's Tiderunner on Sunday brought a 9.9 pound doormat to the net just west of the R.M. Bridge. The big fluke fell for a killie and squid combo and was weighed at Frank and Dick's Bait Dock. The fish was taken at the top of the Ebb tide. Of the fluking, Tom called it a pick this past week although many customers reported good catches on Sunday. Working the morning's flood tide was the key to the better scores. Radio chatter indicated blues to 8 pounds taken at the inlet on Sunday. Not much in the way of ocean bluefish reports other than sharkers reporting some very big blues in their slicks well off the beach. On the offshore scene, there was some tuna action at the Middle Grounds east of the Dip on the weekend. Tom knew that the Barber Jack had a pair of bigeyes, the Blue Water had a 250 pound-plus bigeye along with 9 albacore while the Libra put away a half dozen albies. Also, numerous reports of blue marlin action at the Canyon and the Dip and a white marlin chummed by Arnold Marcus. Snapper fishing remains good while crabber continue to pick from the Village Dock. Tom added that they are gearing up for the upcoming Snapper Derby to which Augie's donates a bicycle. For more info on the derby, give Tom a call at Augie's.

Capt. 'Doc' Grell of the **Babylon** charter boat **Moby Dick** reported that fluke fishing remained fair over the past week with by far best action taking place on the last half of incoming tide. Live killies have been working best for the skipper. Bluefish have been scattered with each trip a hit or miss affair.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani said that some flounder still remain in the Sore Thumb Pocket. On Saturday the Patricia A kept 15 to 1¼ pounds and threw back a like amount. Also on Saturday Mike looked over an impressive fluke of 8 pounds taken by Vinnie Lange at the Bell buoy. It was one of seven keepers. Sal and Ed Lecce put away 15 fluke to 3 pounds working the edge of the East Bar opposite Democrat Point on Saturday. Back on Thursday, John Nilsen counted 11 fluke for his efforts at the inlet. His catch was topped off by a hefty 6¾ pounder. Steve Alfano ran his 'Sweet Satisfaction' to 135 feet of water south of the NA Buoy on Sunday. He counted a couple of brown sharks along with a few very big blues

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From **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**, Ralph Angelillo reported a pair of small makos and a 150 pound brown shark for the 'Obsession II' on the weekend. They were taken SE of the inlet in 160 feet of water. During the week, Arnie Merlob and Andy Mauratano ran to 130 feet and took a 100 pound brown, a 103 pound mako. The crew aboard Ralph Lennon's 'Sailfish' racked up a nice catch of cod and pollock from an offshore wreck on the weekend. Fred Havermeyer set a new Squaw Island Fishing Club record with his 31 pound pollock. Ralph found some time to slip away from the chores at his shop on Wednesday. He found a trio of nice weaks for Tony Picrolo and Mike Rugerio.

Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** looked over a catch of 15 fluke taken on sandeels and squid at the Lighthouse and Inlet on Sunday. The fish were taken by Fred and Susan Walters aboard their 'Reel Affair'. Bob added that boatmen who worked the tides, the last of the outgoing specifically, had no trouble racking up a decent score of summer flatties. On Friday, Ken Roblan used a live snapper to take a 10.6 pound weak along South Beach. Also on Friday, Joe Dantuono of Lindenhurst used sandworms and squid strips to take seven weaks from 2 to 4 pounds in the West Channel area. Don Lander worked near the Kismet Reef on Saturday using clams and squid and put away a mixed bag of porgies, sea bass and blowfish which totalled nearly 200 fish. Dave Pincus reported that he found 2 to 5 pound blues all over the Ocean on Saturday. He jigged a boxfull and did most of his fishing between 5 and 10 miles from the Inlet.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera reported some decent fluking on Friday at Fire Island Inlet along with a showing of some small blues. Best fluking continues to be on the last half of the flood tide and the beginning of the Ebb. Bob Jensen put a 200 pound bigeye aboard his Blue Water at the Dip over the weekend and despite the poor offshore action, the weekend was made for 13 year old Mike Ferrari who landed his first tuna ever. The 25 pound bluefin was taken in 125 feet of water 140 degrees SE of F.I. Inlet.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Fluke and blues this week had their ups and downs, depending on the piece of tide you caught inshore and just where you fished offshore. Flounder has just about ceased as a worthwhile target and as for the offshore scene, the green tide has really put a dent in the bluewater action. A totally gloomy picture was not the actuality, however, with some excellent catches made on both fluke and blues with a couple of giant weakfish thrown in for good measure. Also blue claws and snappers are very active.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Over in Seaford **Captain Eddy's Fishing Station** told of snappers and bccs in the canals in good numbers with crabs eating up the pilings. Fluke to the tune of 3 to 4 keepers per boat, catches mainly being made in Great Island Channel, Massqpequa Cove and Squaw Island, Killie, eels and sand eels have been the best bait on flood tide. Some sand porgies around along with pin bass.

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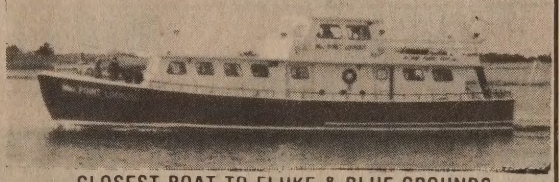

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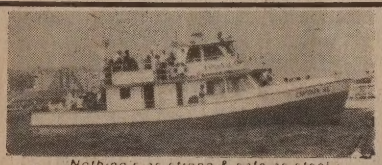

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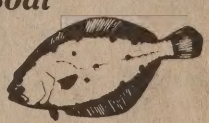

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We hear from Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh about the somewhat poor fluking this past week with more short fish showing up but keepers of good size and quality. Most boats Mike knew of had anywhere from 3 to 10 keepers. On Monday Arthur Golder netted a 7 lb. 2 oz. fluke fishing state channel west of the Jones Beach Piers on an incoming tide using live killies. Rich Bruckner was happy with a 5 lb. 8 oz. fluke taken on the flood Monday afternoon on a killie-squid combo. Flounder have been slow and small but a lot of sand porgies are hungrily biting off Wantagh Park. Snappers have been very good as evidenced by a catch Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of 92, 54 and 72 snappers respectively for George Haubrick. This was off the Wantagh park bulkhead using both spearing and artificials. Some big weaks in the bay on chunks or sand worms. Thursday saw Pete Lopez with an 11 lb. 2 oz. weak taken on a live snapper at the third wantagh. Try live snappers or bunker for these bay running weaks. Blues in 50 ft. of water south of Jones tower on diamonds and umbrellas on fish 3 to 5 lbs. Cholera slowed over the weekend but was prolific during the week.

A call to **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick produced news of very good catches of sand porgies at High Flats Drain on worm and clam. Fluking in Merrick Bay picked up this week with live killies working best. Snappers said Gary are now great throughout the bay, now in the 6 to 7 inch category. Mr. Fenech, winner of the Garan's tackle drawing fish with Dave Romeo and took a lot of largemouth bass at Kahlers Pond, Center Moriches.

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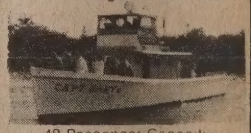

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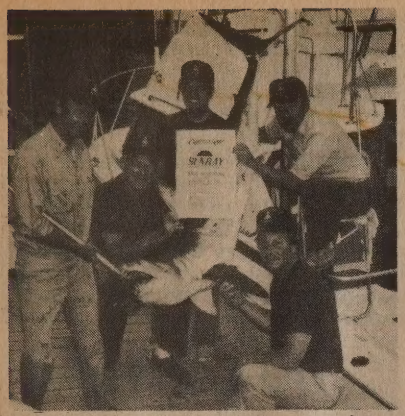


This fine mako was caught aboard the Massapequa based charter boat, "Sunray." It was taken SE of the H.A. Buoy in 170 feet of water by Ed Bedron.

consistent bluefishing Monday through Friday on the day trips with the weekend a little tougher due to heavy boat traffic. Nights have been fair to very good. Fish are mainly 2 to 6 lbs.

Captain Pat of the charter boat **Lady J III** told of good fluking for his charters this week mainly in Jones Inlet with some action in the Freeport creeks and backwaters. Bluefishing was very good for most of the week. Monday's fluke trip was for the Frank Caprise group of Old Westbury. Tuesdays bluefishing was for Camelot Restaurant of Manhattan while it was blues Wednesday for American Airlines Cargo handlers. It was back to blues Thursday for the Rich Elsnor Company of Manhattan and blues again Friday for Canadian Imperial Bank of NYC, on bait. Previous trips had been on jigs. Saturday it was blues again on bait for the Phillip White group of NYC and repeat Sunday for the Levittowon FD. Fish have been running from 3/4 to 10 lbs. anywhere from Fl to Klondike.

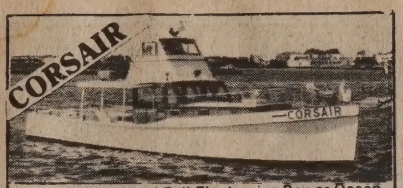
A call from the **Bluefin Fleet** told of bluefish continuing very good with an occasional lull in the action. Fish have been going to 14 lbs., averaging 4 to 5 lbs. Al Suskowitz , Pat Ol and Edie Jones each had blues 12 to 14 lbs. this week. High hook of the week was Lou Appell of Rockland Co. with 22. Close runners ups were Stan Sudol, Bob Pertik and Bill Cezrepanzn. Catches were made both on jigs and on bait, ESE of Jones. The **Super Spray II** has been having good fluke catches on their 2 trip a day schedule, mainly in Jones Inlet and has also been catching decently on the nigth blue trips on bait and chum.

Charter boat **Corsair** called and told of Saturday's trip for the Phil Quartuccio of Baldwin fishing south of Cholera for blues and sea bass on the bottom using bait and chum and catching nicely. Sunday's trip in the same area was for the Paul Gothmann group, Woodhaven, taking 6 to 8 blues a man on butter fish and chum.

Ronnie Bauer at **Hudson Point Fishing Station**, felt fluking picked up this past week particularly in Jones Inlet. Also producing were Fundy, Long Creek and Haunts with killies and squid working best with an incoming tide. Bluefish are everywhere said Ronnie fromk Cholera to the canyon for trollers, jiggers and chummers. Offshore was a poor scene probably due to the green algae which extended all the way to Hudson canyon. Some flounder and sand porgies at the bridges mostly on worms and a few blackfish starting on clam. Sea bass continuing nicely at offshore wrecks up to 1½ lbs.

Word from the **Captain Andy II** is that while the flounder action has declined from its peak, catches are still good with the flood tide best in local creeks and channels with fish running 3/4 to 2 lbs. More throwbacks now however. Sand porgies and pin bass are now filling out anglers catches and tiny sea robins are making pests of themselves.

Call from the **Captain Lou Fleet** asked us to let you know he is stopping his 4:30 PM flounder trips for now. Both the full and half day fluke boats have been doing very well on the fluke this week, mainly on the flood tide. High hook on the full day boat was in the mid-teens and on the half day boat high hooks ran from 8 to 10 keepers. Big fish of the week was a 5 lber. Mr. and Mrs. John Groteer bagged the pool Saturday with a 4½



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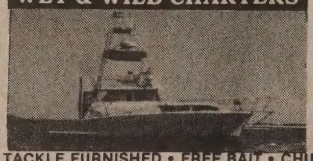

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lber. along with 15 other keepers.

A call from the charter boat **Captain Gary II** told of Friday's trip for the Herb Cohn party having very good fluking in Jones and Reynolds. Frank Reda was high hook with 7 keeper fluke while Ely Nadel copped the pool with a 3½ lber. Friday's night trip for blues met with success for the Laurie Ahern group. Laurie was high hook with 16 choppers and Hal Piechuck took the pool with an 8 lber. Saturday's trip for the George Backman group had some good fluking in Jones with high hook honors to Ron Zacardi with 12 keepers and pool honors to Ed Turner with a 4 lber. Saturday's night bluefishing was dynamite for the Dept. of Sanitation Manhattan East. Terry was high hook with 19 blues while Steve, Vinnie and Eddy all had 8 lbers. An estimated 300 plus fish were caught that night. Sunday's fluking was for the Happy Hookers FC which found picky goings locally. Joe Kastelano had 7 keeper fluke and the pool was taken by Smitty with a 4 lber.

In nearby Point Lookout the news from **Scotty's Fishing Station** is of very decent fluking this past week in Reynolds with a lot of keepers blasting killies and spearing, incoming working best. Five keepers were caught in Jones Inlet by Franklin Square anglers Pete and Tony Ercolino. Snapper fishing has been excellent off the Point Lookout piers and in Reynolds while the bluefishing has been a good item offshore.

A call from the charter boat **Marie III** told of Monday's trip for Bob Sidel having great bluefishing east of Gilgo with catches running 20 to 53 fish a man, 2 to 4 lbs. on diamonds. Thursday's trip for was John Dehner group with good bluefishing at the Sisters in the morning to the tune of 8 to 15 a man, fish 2 to 4 lbs. It was blues again Friday for the Warren Vass group, jigging blues at the Sisters in the morning, then great bait and chum action at Cholera in the PM with 7 anglers bagging 150 blues 2 to 5 lbs. It was blues again Saturday for the Tony Pennico group using jigs in the AM at the Sisters and again great bait and chum activity at 17 Fathoms in the afternoon. Sunday saw a slow pick of fluke throughout all of Reynolds from Sloop to Debs.

We hear from the **Captain Al** of good bluefishing all week long with the exception of Saturday which was a little slower. Sunday's blue action was super to the west at 17 Fathoms utilizing jigs, bait and chum while on the hook. Monday and Tuesday were also excellent days. Friday night's activity wrapped up roughly 350 blues for 17 fares and 450 for 30 people Saturday night. Fish are mainly 4 to 6 lbers. with an occasional 8 lber.

The word from Capt. Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout** is of Wed. AM trip with Larry Goldsmith taking 8 keeper plus a 4½ lb. pool winner. The PM trip had Art Baker high hook with 7 keepers and a 3 lb. pool fish. Friday's Am trip had Mike Namaga

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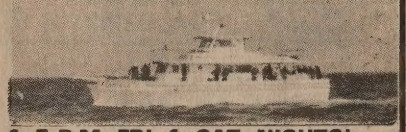

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with a 3½ lb. pool fish. On Saturday AM it was 16 keepers and 4½ lb. pool winner for Carol Gray and Sam Wavicholak. Saturday's PM trip was tough on the ebb, but nevertheless Bill Damas managed a 3 lb. pool winner. Sunday's AM action was very good with roughly 100 keeper fluke taken. Sy Kommor bagged 6 keepers along with a 3 lb. pool fish. Sunday's PM trip was poor but Gary Rupert had 2 keepers including the pool. Flood tide was the hot ticket this week. Night bluefishing was excellent during the week but slowed on weekend.

Sailing out of Island Park the **Commodore** noted up and down fluking this past week. Wednesdays action good at the Tin Can with the same results Thursady IN Jones. Fridays catches very good at the channels, catches averaging 15 keepers a man. Saturdays action was super said skipper Clem Esposito with high hooks in the 25s and 30s. And an

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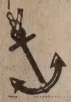

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estimated 500 keepers on the boat that day. Again, incoming tide was best. Sunday's strong drift led to some very good fluke catches Sunday as well. Mike Schultz had 17 keepers and catches averaged 10 keepers a man. On Saturday Don Thompason had 35 and Don Glass had 30. Fish have been running 14½ to 16 inches. Riis and the Warrior buoy are has also produced.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook spoke of excellent fluke catches at Ambrose Channel on the black side this past week with squid sand eels combos best. Fluke in Jones Inlet have been good only at the turns of the tide. Snapper activity has been great just about everywhere and is growing. Same for bccs mainly at the pilings with nets.

A call from **Long Beach Boat Rentals** told of fluke in good numbers in various spots. Charlie Goldberg had 25 keeper fluke and while Frank and Don Durando were happy with 31 fishing the black side of Ambrose. Also good was Reynolds at buoy 5 and 7 on killies and sand eels. Blues, weaks and bass have been chummed and live lined at and around the ABB. Great crabbing in the backwaters and plenty of snappers.

In Atlantic Beach, Dave at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** told of some very good fluking he knew of at Ambrose channel and Romer Shoal with fish to 6 lbs. and high hooks into low 50s per boat. Blues at 17 Fathoms to 12 lbs. on chunks and chum. A few stripers and weaks under the ABB and a few fluke caught in Debs. Glen Gobetz and Chunky managed 43 fluke to 5½ lbs. doing their thing in Ambrose.

This 532 lb. mako was taken aboard Artie Hoerning's, Smokey II in 100 feet of water, SE of Jones Inlet. The fish was weighed at Skippy's Bait and Tackle in East Rockaway.

NEW YORK BIGHT

We hear from **Skippy's Tackle** in East Rockaway of Manny, Kathy and Leo Paradiso of Cedarhurst fishing the west side of Ambrose and loading up with 45 fluke from 2 to 4 lbs. on squid, spearing combos, working the outgoing water. SKippy has various other good reports from the area. Lots of bccs and snappers in East Rockaway channel and Bay Park. Local fluking has been hot and cold but there's been very good sand porgy action in Swift Creek at Bay Park.

Vi at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Jamaica Bay told of a 12-8 lb. weak caught by Lewis Calastro on Saturday fishing live bunker on the ebb at North Channel bridge. Palm size porgy action strong off both bridges on clam and bloodworm. A few blues being taken day and night on chunks. Bccs have been decent in traps off the bridges while some fluke and flounder still being caught on moving water from the bridges. Vi also knew of fluke at the round house off Sheepshead Bay.

The latest news from Wee Willie at **Mike's Tackle** across from the Sheepshead bay fleet included word of a 10½ lbs. fluke caught aboard the

open boat **Shamrock** fishing Ambrose channel Friday for Sheeman Adwar. Fluking there has ranged from good to very good. Big blues being taken on bait at the Tin Can from dusk to dawn. Party boats are taking mixed sizes of blues day and nights, jigging days, baiting nights. Porgies are plentiful but small fishing east of the jetty. Blacks and sea bass have been fair on wrecks. rocks and reef.

A call from the party boat **Flamingo III** brought news from skipper Walter Wiegand of consistent day bluefishing on jigs, fish 2 to 6 lbs. and lots of fun. Sharpies are getting anywhere from 40 to 60 fish a trip and 30 a man on poor days. Even novices are getting any where from 15 to 25 fish a man. The night fishing tends towards the slightly erratic and Saturday night' catch was better than Friday though Walt still describedt he night trips as fair to excellent.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Carrell

Steadier reports of large bluefish came in from many places. Except for this feature, reports were much the same as the past two weeks.

WESTERN SOUND

Jack's Bait on **City Island** said that there were lots of small porgies off Gangway Rock, Execution Light, Half Moon Beach, and Harts. Bluefishing was still very good with chunk baits off No Nations with fish to 14 pounds reported.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** is about to begin its fishing derby, dates: August 23rd through September 7th. Prizes for the three largest blues taken from the Throgs Neck to Eatons and a $10 entry fee covers a beach party on September 7th. For details, call John Cacciola at 676-7120. As far as current fishing goes, big tins and shallow trolled Accetta or Baby Bunker spoons are producing some big blues. Best so far was 17.4. Ron Oldenberg had a pair of bass this week among a pick of fish. Biggest was 19.5.

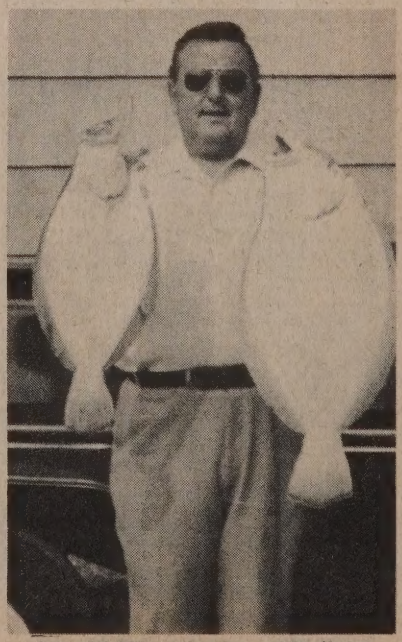
Among the party craft, the **Klondike VIII** was scoring well on 2-9 pound bluefish in the Stamford-Norwalk area. Good fishing was in progress throughout the weekend. The **Apache** was working a body of scup anywhere from Center Island and Matinecock to Smithtown Bay. Dom Cerbone said that there were many fish in the ½ to 1½ pound class and that 25 or more porgies was the norm per fare. Pete Anderson of the **North Star** explained that much of last weeks fishing was in shallow water because of the new moon tide but that the porgies should be larger in the deeper water which will be targeted this week. Weakfish and blackfish were pool winners on most days, but Tuesday brought a ten pound fluke to the net on a sandworm!

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bruce Cash of the **Prowler** out of **Port Jefferson** reported consistently good bluefishing until Sunday with the majority of the fish running less than eight pounds. About 25 larger fish are taken daily, however. Some large weakfish in the 8-12 pound class have been mixed in, and the boat found one school of small weakfish in 143 feet of water Sunday. Jigs in 3 and 4 ounce sizes worked best.

Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** said that Walter Stuven had enjoyed a steady pick of weaks and blues in Centerport and that Fred Haney recorded a 13¼ pound weakfish along with the blues. Slammers are now in Huntington Harbor for the chunkers and porgies are pretty good north of Eatons.

George Valentine at **Four Winds** said that trolling was producing large bluefish, too with the best so far a pair of 17 plus gorillas. Phil Beck had a 17.11 and John Stone posted a 17.5. Fluke were still off Diamond Point and the Golf Course with an exceptional catch of 20 fish (total) reported.



Harold Wotosiewicz with fluke of 6¼ and 11½ lbs. caught off Long Island's North Fork aboard the charter boat "Fishalot."

Porgies are off Sand City and Marshall Field. The Triangle is loaded with two to eight pound bluefish.

Mel at the **Greenlawn Sport Shop** said that Mike Griffin and the Tequila Sunrise had 9 bluefish that grossed 100 pounds with a 16 pounder topping the bag. Tony Agello pulled a 12 pound weakfish on a chunk bait in Cold Spring Harbor.

Candy Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** saw all boats with good catches of porgies off Oldfield and Cranes with a couple of two pound scup. Lots of cocktail blues are around with larger fish off Cranes, and there is good fluking off the Miller Place Water Tower, Oldfield, and the Pink House.

Ralph's in **Mount Sinai** said that the fluke have really returned off Buoy 11 with the Pink House as second choice. Most porgies are small and mixed sizes with a few mediums. Low hook bottom rigs were accounting for a number of 10-14 pound blues outside the harbor.

The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** added that there were still enough blackfish on the Shoreham Pipe to make the fishing with hard baits worthwhile. Friday's blast of blues off Mount Sinai and Port Jeff highlighted the week, but the beaches to the east have been quiet.

NORTH FORK

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** said that Sunday's anglers had 60 or more scup per boat with a few weakfish mixed in. Anchoring and chumming were keys to success off Buoys 22, 28, and 30.

Excellent porgy fishing obtained off Mattituck with fish schools scattered off Coopers Rock, the Firing Range, and the Motel. There were some larger scup in the 1½ pound and up class off the Motel for those who chummed heavily and waited for the middle of the ebb late in the afternoon last week. Liz at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** also reported a sea bass over 3 pounds and a 5 pound tautog on Sunday. Derek at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** said that Lonnie Williams had a terrific catch of porgies in the large-medium class plus an 8 pound weakfish off the Motel. Further to the east, there were some big bluefish trolled and jigged well away from the main action with scup.

Jim Dunkirk at the **Port of Egypt** told us that private boats were hitting Pettys and the South Side of Plum for porgies but that fluking was down everywhere. Flounder action was good on both sides of Orient Point and a number of 5-15 pound bass and one 40-plus were sold by pinhookers at the market last week.

"Blues, porgies, blackfish...case closed", explained Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** on a busy Sunday. Larry Porter of the **Brand X**

and Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star** gave some details of the excellent scup action. Though there were a few slow days late in the week, Sunday was a bonanza with many fares going over to extra buckets. Fish were mostly mediums with quite a few over 2 pounds. Dick, Betty, and Pat Rickert accounted for particularly a heavy bag of scup on the **Brand X** on Sunday. Dave Brennan will be doing some probes for big porgies in water to 130 feet this week as the moon goes into its first quarter.

Now that John Rainis is back from the hospital, the **Blue Albatross** is scheduling some weekend sailing dates as an open boat on August 24th and 31st (Saturdays) and September 1st (Sunday). Regulars are asked to call 765-3101 for reservations.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** boats reported loads and loads of bluefish in the 3-5 pound class with occasional 8-10 pound choppers in local waters from the Gut east. Fish are everywhere, including Gardiner's and occasionally show on top. The **Nancy Ann** had nine weakfish in the 8-12 pound class last week and 7 bass to 13 pounds from the Gut on Friday.

Results from the last full moon revealed that all bass reported by the Nancy Ann were 18 pounds and up with the best catch on one night recorded as 11 fish. Dan Buckley will be looking for 10 persons per night on open boat bass trips with bucktails and eels on the next moon. Call 929-3103 for details.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

While the surf continues to get very little play, the August doldrums continue to relent as here and there persistent casters manage to find enough action to keep them motivated.

Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said that Eric Budris has been enjoying a steady diet of blues to 10½ pounds along with short bass while working the beaches in the Stony Brook area. Most of the action has been in the early morning hours with Rebels accounting for the bass and smaller blues and bunker chunks accounting for the blues in the 9 to 10 pound class. Ozzie Von Helmond has also been working the Stony Brook beat of late. He put away blues of 14 and 8 pounds this week on bait. Paul added that casters working the rocks at Moriches Inlet have been taking a fair number of short stripers on Bombers. A few small blues being taken at the inlet as well.

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Henry Schneider shows the 13.5 lb. weak he caught from the Oak Beach shore on a strip of flounder belly meant for fluke. Photo courtesy of The Store at Oak Beach.

Tom Healy of **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon** said that CB chatter indicated some bluefish action along the Fire Island Inlet shore on Sunday. Also second hand reports of 1 or 2 bass taken in the area.

John Durante weighed an 8½ pound schoolie at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**. It was taken early Sunday morning at J.B. West End 2 on a plug. Bob noted that the West End Jetty has been producing steady action with schoolie stripers including a few keepers.

Bobby Turturello confirmed that there has been some school bass action at West End 2 on plugs. He also told of a couple of teen sized blues picked from the Cedar Beach surf this week on bunker chunks. Rich Erhartic has been picking away at weaks at Jones Beach Parking Field 6 on squid.

Out in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch reported a couple of brief blitzes with small blues along the south side sand beaches this past week. Also, some action with schoolie bass near Jones Reef around sunset on several nights. Sandworms are accounting for some of the catches while Bombers pick a few fish as well. Shagwong was a dead issue this week.

Up on the north Shore, Big blues have been riding herd on bunker schools in most of the harbors along with putting in an occasional impromptu appearance at certain Sound beaches. George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle** in **Huntington** reported that boatmen have been taking big blues every day since last Wednesday inside the Harbor. Some have been taken off the Huntington Town Dock as well including fish in the 14 pound class. George added that most of the action at Caumsett, Lilco and Crab Meadow involves blues in the 3-4 pound class but some

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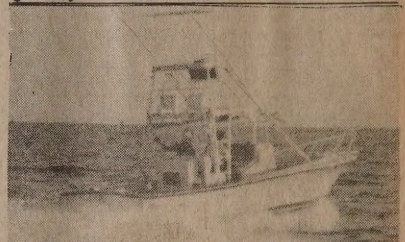

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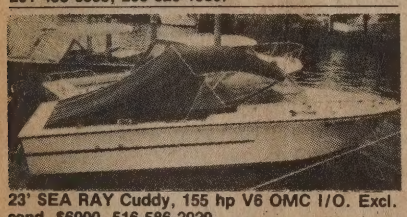

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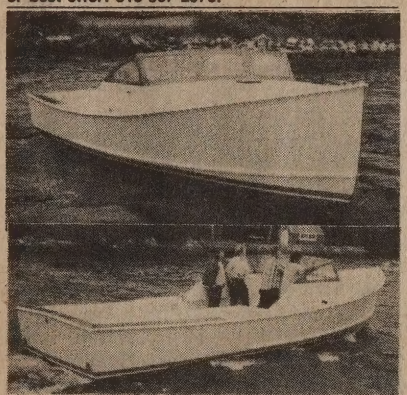

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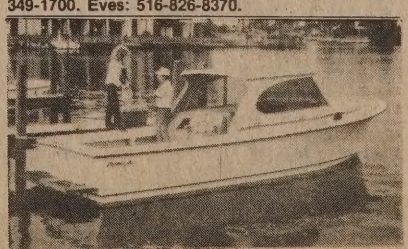

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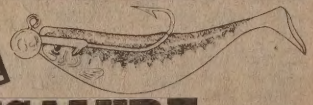

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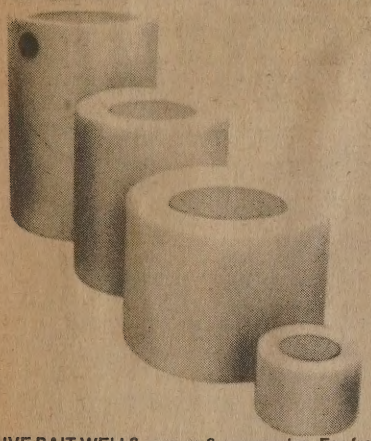

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Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Due more to lack of angler effort than high temperatures and warm water, freshwater reports were difficult to come by this week. Most anglers who did get out met with only moderate success with the dawn and dusk periods producing all the action. Panfish, pickerel, and catfish all took advantage of the late week cooling spell to go on a slight feeding spree while trout and bass remained, for the most part, tight-lipped.

From **Causeway Bait and Tackle**, in **Wantagh**, Bobby Turturello reported that he has not seen much freshwater action of late. A few people have been taking small pickerel and crappies in Northern Twin Lake, but there has been little to get excited about.

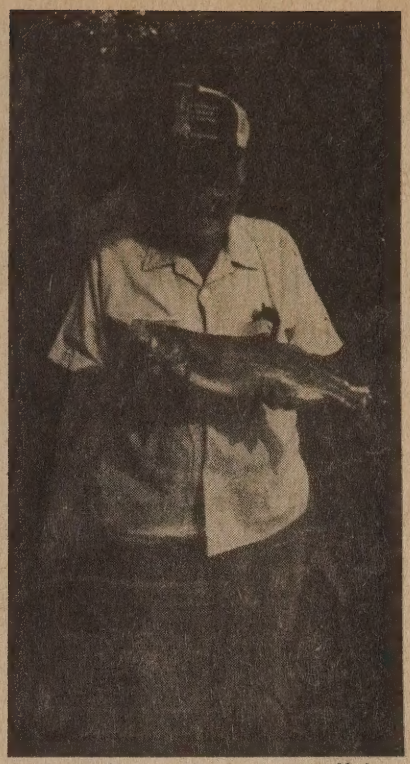
A few bass and pickerel are being culled from the local lakes according to Tom of **Augies Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**. You really have to move around to find the fish though. Freshwater fishing in general has been slow.

On Sunday morning, I took the opportunity to do some fly fishing in Caleb Smith State Park on the Nissequogue River. Although most of the fish I observed were hanging tight to the bank on beat #7, they were in a cooperative mood and I managed to connect with two 18" rainbows. Small nymphs did the trick. Fishing on the river had been slow early in the week but seemed to perk up for the weekend as most of the anglers I spoke with caught at least a couple of brookies and rainbows.

Over in the Connetquot River, Rod DiGiacomo of **J&R Sports Center** reports anglers are taking a few 1-2 pound rainbows. In Cuttings Pond, small bass are still taking baits and lures early and late in the day but the action here has slowed in comparison to last week.

From John of **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue** comes word of improved big ones are mixed in on occasion. Poppers taking most of the blues early mornings and evenings. No word on bass or weakfish.

Over at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Stan Hentschel spoke of a showing of short bass along local beaches this past week. Stan Menzenk counted a half dozen schoolies on each of three after dark trips he made last week. Blues up to 14 pounds taken at Mt. Sinai on plugs this past Monday morning (8/19). Stan took a ride on Sunday to Shinnecock and Moriches east and reported things all quiet down on that front.



Gene Pfalzer shows a beautiful 4½ lb. rainbow trout, taken on July 9 in Connetquot River State Park. The big 'bow was taken on a dry fly. Subscriber photo.

pickerel in the local lakes. Anglers reported taking several pickerel up to 3 pounds in Patchogue Lake on killie baits. Panfishing has improved also with plenty frying sized bluegills and perch responding to worm baits. Trout fishing has been slow in the tidal creeks but a few white perch have moved in to pick up the slack.

Al Schreier of the **Sportsman's Center** in **Medford** told us this week that fishermen have been taking plenty of small bass from Yaphank and Artist Lakes, however, legal bass have been hard to come by.

Time was one of the better weekends of late out east according to George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**. George reported that some anglers really cleaned house with the panfish in Peconic River. Most of his rental boats took about twenty panfish with a few bass mixed in. The better anglers landed close to fifty. Mike Jacobs of Wading River took advantage of feeding spree to take twenty bluegills on his flyrod in Forge Pond. He then spent a few hours "flipping" jellyworms for bass and connected with fish of three and five pounds. On Wednesday and Friday, Terry Romano worked Wildwood Lake to the tune of five and four largemouths respectively. Largest fish went 4 pounds. George informed us that evenings have been far and away the most productive part of the day and asked me to inform our readers that he can provide evening rentals for those interested.

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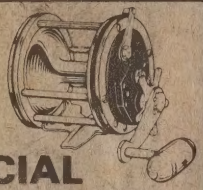

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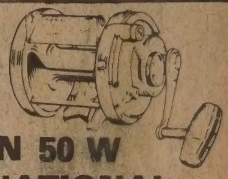

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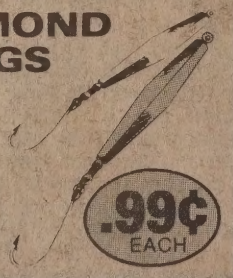

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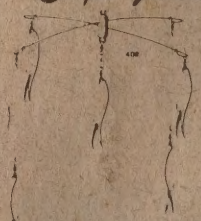

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